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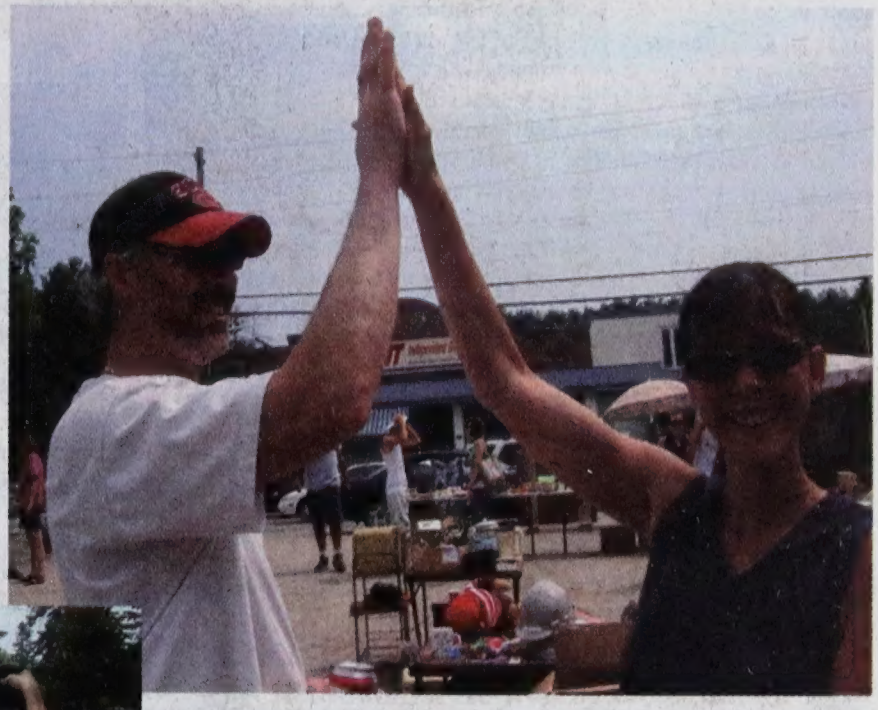
High Five For A Fantastic Fundraiser



The fantastic turn out of volunteers at the 2nd annual Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Car Wash Event held in Kinmount on Sat. June 11, raised almost $2,000.00 towards their project. The support of the community was superb. Every one really joined in together, worked hard and had a lot of fun. Between the car wash, BBQ, yard and bake sale $1,932.00 was raised towards the skateboard park project after expenses, an increase of over $200.00 from last year! Many businesses and individuals supported this fundraising project in many different ways.

Councillor John Huke was on hand to flip a few burgers, sporting a City of Kawartha Lakes apron. The skateboard park committee gives a BIG THANK YOU to the community of Kinmount and area. The groups next fundraiser has already begun. They are selling Maple Lodge Farms chicken products until July 16, 2005. To order or for further information call Lynne Kilby at (705) 488-2919.

Help A Village Effort - You Can Help Too!!

In 1982, Gerald Feltham, a local cottager, teacher and long-time OXFAM worker and volunteer founded a small, community-based organization called HAVE which stands for Help A Village Effort. Through his personal experience of Third World conditions, Feltham was keenly aware that the major obstacle standing in the way of economic and social progress for millions of small communities was a lack of fresh clean water.

As Feltham has said, "millions of women, and girls in particular, walk daily in search of water to meet their household needs. Often they walk for miles with little or nothing on their feet, over rough, thorny ground, with a water container perched on their heads or shoulders, sometimes with a baby on their hips, in hot climatic conditions ... and almost invariably the surface water collected is badly polluted and must be boiled for at least 20 minutes before it's fit for human consumption. To boil the water requires further time and effort just to collect bits of dried wood and leaves for a fire. And despite all this, over 5 million people die each year due to water-borne diseases."

Feltham was passionate about doing something, however small, to help alleviate this suffering, and he was certain that the Haliburton community would rally to the cause. Feltham conceived the idea of a Walk For Water, to mirror the daily Third World ritual, that would raise enough money to make a difference. And sure enough, in June of 1984, the first annual Walk took place and the first HAVE artesian well was completed in rural India.

Feltham's passion and commitment, supported by a core group of volunteers, made HAVE one of Haliburton's most productive and cost-efficient charitable efforts. From the beginning, the organization has been paired with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) which handles the actual construction of the wells and matches local contributions dollar for dollar. For many years the annual Haliburton Walk was the only official fundraising event, but recently that's changed to include a wide variety of walks, swims, hikes ... you name it.

In 1997, Gerald Feltham retired to his native Newfoundland where he's still actively involved in organizing local walks for HAVE. Since that time Ron and Toos Reid, along with Cathy Stephens, have taken charge of the organization here. And for the last three years, the annual Walk in Haliburton has given way to even more local individually driven events. Ron admits that "we've been a little under the radar lately, and we've had to adapt to some major changes in the criteria for CIDA participation." For the last three years CIDA has required a minimum of $50,000 to be raised by HAVE each year in order for CIDA to match the funds and put them to work.

But Ron's faithful core of volunteers, regular walkers, and contributors have risen to the challenge each and every year. Last year alone the project saw 51 new wells completed. These wells have a profound impact on their communities: last year's 51 wells, for example, will provide clean water for over 3,500 families, or up to 20,000 people! What's also remarkable is that over 90% of all monies raised for HAVE goes directly to the construction of the wells. That's a statistic that would make lots of charities green with envy.

And this Walk hasn't exactly been standing still! When he moved back to Newfoundland, Gerald Feltham immediately organized a Walk in his native Glovertown, and soon there were Walks in other island communities. And the word has spread: there are annual Walks now from Vancouver to Winnipeg to Haliburton, West Guilford and beyond. And you don't have to walk. As Ron says, "Organize a kayak race or a hike, and do it in your own time, and make sure you get your pledges!" Ron's also organized partnerships with Trails and Tours right here in Haliburton for both winter and summer activities.

It's hard to imagine, living in Haliburton County and surrounded by a seemingly unlimited supply of fresh water, just how precious this resource is and what a difference just one well can make to an entire community. But the need is certainly real, and the efforts of HAVE over the years have been truly significant. In fact, almost a quarter of a million people have received the incredible gift of a fresh local and sustainable water supply, all courtesy of HAVE's annual efforts.

If you'd like to help, go to HAVE's website www.helpavillageeffort.org where you can download pledge forms and be updated on current and future events. You can also pick up a pledge form from Cathy Stephens at System Software Support in Minden, or contact Ron and Toos Reid at 489-2431.

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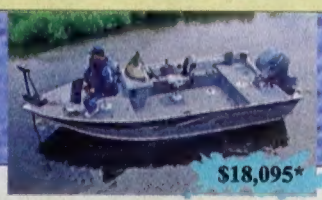

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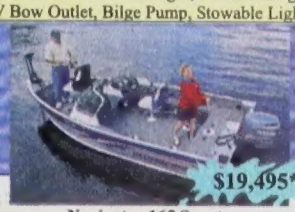

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Mike & Glenda

Those days are long gone, but marinas still perform essential services for many cottagers and residents alike. In 1952 the Puffer family established a marina on the site of an old sawmill at the junction of Kashagawigamog and Soyer Lakes on what's now County Road 21. Through the years, ownership passed to the Wrights, the Wentworths, and the Lytles until finally on June 16th, 1992 Mike and Glenda Bryson and family became the proud proprietors.

Mike, a mechanic and service manager, and Glenda, a travel agent, had looked for some time to buy a marina, thinking that their particular skill set would fit the business, and they were certainly right. But Glenda does confess that back in 1992, when she called Mike from the airport after a pleasant agent's junket in Cancun, and was told that their offer for the marina on Kashagawigamog had been accepted, she really didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Actually, she cried, but she tells the story with a big, warm grin, and says that now she can't imagine living anywhere else.

New & Used Sales - Lots to choose

The summer of 1992 was not a lot of fun in the Haliburton Highlands. A persistent recession was helped along by a season-long spell of cold, wet, gloomy weather. Both conditions spell serious trouble for marinas, but the Bryson's survived, lived, and learned. The facilities they inherited were pretty basic: a small shed for repairs, a gas hut, a small cottage, and most importantly, a pair of well-built and serviceable docks. Mike and Glenda at first decided to include snowmobile and ATV service as part of the business, and it certainly provided some cash flow, if not profits. But soon the Bryson's realized that their most important customers were going to be the cottagers who were already there, right on their doorstep. So they soon made the big decision to concentrate all their efforts on the over 1200 cottagers on the five-lake chain comprising Head, Grass, Kashagawigamog, Canning, and Soyers Lakes. And the decision has sure proved to be the right one.

Each year the Bryson's have gradually expanded their facilities, adding a proper service area one year, a showroom the next, a new storage "barn" the next, even their own house, and whenever possible, building everything themselves. Last year they added an attractive outdoor showroom to showcase their line of Glastron and Princecraft boats. They're also Mercury dealers and have achieved the manufacturer's highest "Premier" designation.

From the beginning, Mike and Glenda realized that the key to their business had to be excellence in service. They knew they had to convince cottagers to trust them with their boats all summer and winter long. They knew that if a boat owner was absolutely certain that when they picked up their boat in the spring each year, whether it was a 14 ft aluminium banger, or a $100,000 ski boat complete with showers, the boat had to look great, and start up with a turn of the key. And

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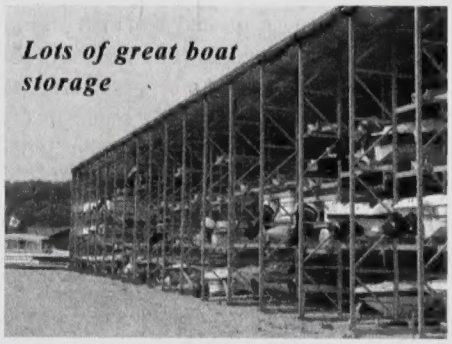
it had to be ready on time, no excuses. The customers also had to expect that if their brand new jet ski or pontoon boat happened to fail over the holiday weekend with all the kids up, that Bryson's would be there to fix it, if at all possible.



Lots of great boat storage

Well, with some good will, some good summers, and a ton of plain old hard work, the business has grown each year. The strategy of concentrating on the summer business, on the lakes, has proved to be the right one. And one reason is that boat storage means so much more than a quick shrink-wrap. Bryson's guarantee a complete summer's-end servicing and cleaning of every boat, dry safe storage through the winter months, and in the spring a comprehensive service including a real-time lake test to ensure a summer of carefree boating.

The marina itself is open from April 1st to December 1st, which allows Mike and Glenda time to prepare for the Toronto Boat Show, a very important event for them, and to price and choose their boat inventory for the coming year. The boat and motor business is important despite the fierce, sometimes cutthroat competition among boat dealers that have reduced margins significantly. But what really drives the business is customer service and reliability, which the Bryson's deliver all summer long.

Bryson's also offers rentals ranging from a pontoon boat to 18 footers with up to 100 hp motors attached. As the condominium business gradually takes hold in Haliburton, this promises to be a steadily expanding section of the business.

Bryson's Marine and Storage employs up to eight people in the summer, including son Rob, brother Mark, and Sales Manager Les Feero. They're open seven days a week from 9 am until 6 pm, and can be reached at 457-2282. They're located at 3572 County Road 21.

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The cost is as follows: At the door - Adults: $ 12.00, Children under 12 yrs $ 6:00, and children under 4 yrs free

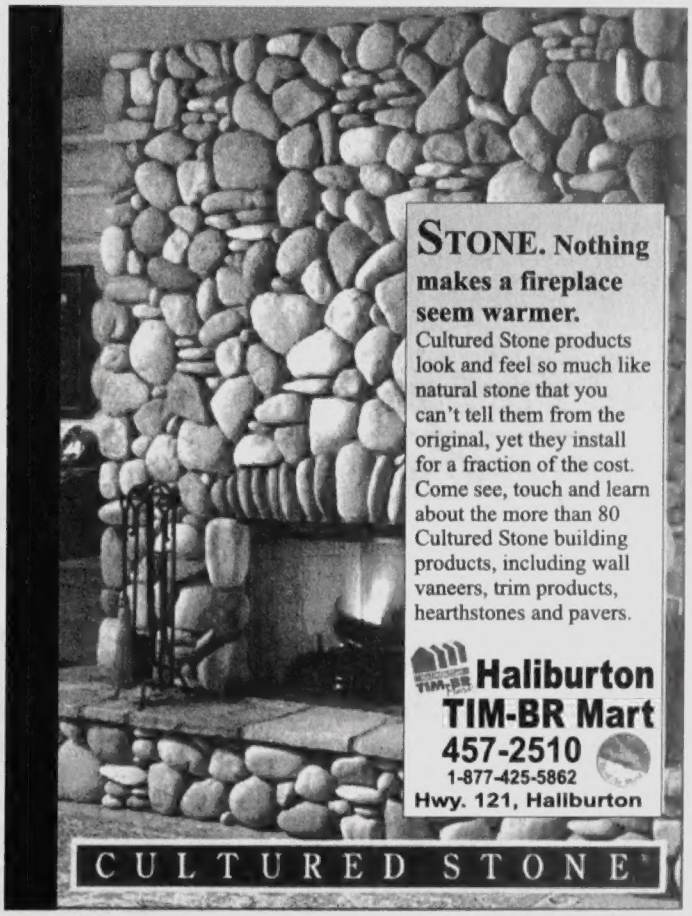
Advanced Adults: $ 10.00, Children under 12 yrs $ 5:00, and children under 4 yrs free

Tickets will be available at the Haliburton Home Show and from all members.

Why? Because ... Scientifically Speaking

Why are manhole covers round?

This question is often asked in job interviews to test an applicant's critical-thinking skills. The answer is that they are round to prevent them from falling through the hole. Since the covers are made to support traffic for many years, they are quite heavy. Rectangular or square shapes can fall into the holes and consequently be difficult to retrieve. When other shapes are used for manhole covers, they are usually hinged or otherwise attached.



New Business

Perkins Antiques- A New "Old" Business

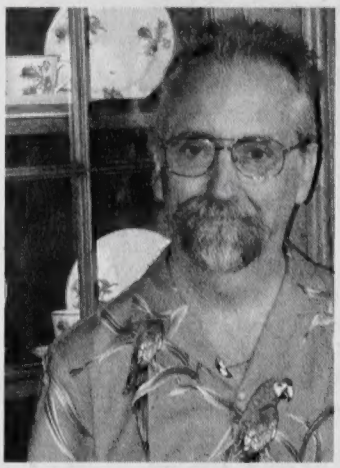
by Stephen Patrick

The 1960s in Canada saw an explosion of national pride and consciousness unmatched by any in our history. Spurred on by Expo 67, and Quebec's Quiet Revolution, Canadian literature and Canadian art suddenly found a huge national audience that would have been inconceivable even a decade before. In the early 1950s, for example, interest in original Canadian furniture was limited to a few collectors, some financial institutions, and some faithful folklorists.

But that was all to change rapidly, and R.G. "Bob" Perkins was at the forefront of that change. Bob Perkins served in the RCAF in Quebec in the 1950s where he developed a great love of the original pine antiques that were the day-to-day furniture of practically every rural Quebec homestead. When he left the air force he became a "picker," i.e. a buyer for the slim-but-growing retail trade. Perkins soon established his own store west of Toronto in 1959, and two years later opened Perkins Antiques on Yonge Street in downtown Toronto. Within a few years, Perkins was Canada's acknowledged expert in pine furniture and the retail leader in his field. Canadians in droves fell in love with these beautiful and deceptively simple pieces that were made with such loving care so many years ago. In fact, one of Canada's major coffee table art books of the early 1970s, entitled Heritage, with photographs by John de Visser and commentary by Scott Symons, was entirely devoted to early Canadian furniture. The writing and photography held such passion that the book was described as an extended erotic love poem!

Bob Perkins' son Sheldon had grown up surrounded by these beautiful pieces of art and in 1973 happily joined the company and became sole owner when his Dad retired in the early '90s. And this spring, Sheldon and his wife Lori have taken the huge step of relocating their entire operation to the Village Barn in Haliburton. Early retirement, you say? Not a bit of it.

"We're on the Freedom 105 Plan," says Sheldon with a grin. "We're convinced that Haliburton is the best place in Ontario for us to locate. We've noticed over the last few years that more and more of our regular customers were either living full-time in "cottage country" or were buying for their second homes up north. Homes that, of course, will often become a permanent retirement home."



And already Perkins Antiques' loyal Toronto customers, who don't have cottages or homes here, are finding their way north to the new store.

Perkins Antiques isn't just about old pine furniture. For years, the store has sold a wide range of custom and reproduction furniture, and through that time Sheldon and his father created extensive relationships with the very best custom furniture makers and artisans across Ontario and Quebec. They know precisely where to go for a reproduction pine armoire, harvest table, or perhaps a burled mahogany canopy bed. Perkins also has developed a full line of reproduction lighting and accessories such as amazing hand-forged iron and copper pieces from Quebec, including the famous and flamboyant rooster weather vanes. They also offer table lamps, fireplace tools, screens, and log holders along with original 19th century china and pottery.

The value of these beautiful reproductions rises almost as quickly as the originals. And often, materials like today's glue are superior to what was available 150 years ago.

Sheldon also points out that about a third of his inventory of original pieces is on consignment, enabling the store to offer a truly great range of furniture from the absolutely amazing—like a very rare 1790 Quebec hemlock cupboard (lozenge style) that's worth

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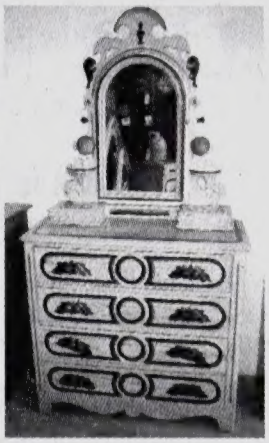

the best part of $14,000 – to more practically priced reproduction pine harvest tables. And how has Haliburton reacted to the store so far? Sheldon says he's already heard the comment his Dad heard a lot when he opened the original store all those years ago: "You want how much for that? I've got one just like it back in the barn!" Well, maybe. But if you do, don't be using it for firewood anytime soon.

Perkins Antiques is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm, Sundays noon until 4 pm, and can be reached locally at 455-9003, or toll-free at 1 888 475-5868. Check out their website www.perkinsantiques.com which features an excellent sampling of their extensive inventory.

Dumb Criminals

Appleton, Wisconsin - Darrell Voeks was arrested for stealing $100,000 worth of farm pigs to pay for breast implants for his favorite stripper at a local club. He was sentenced to ten years in prison.

Key West, Florida - A restaurant worker killed another as the result of a heated argument over how to put silverware into a dishwasher.

Ypsilanti, Michigan - The Ann Arbor News reported that a man failed to rob a Burger King because the clerk told him he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. So the man ordered onion rings, but the clerk informed him that they weren't available for breakfast. The frustrated robber left.

Summer French Club Presenting Two Great Activities...

In their mission statement, Canadian Parents For French (CPF) describes itself as "the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French as a second language learning opportunities for young Canadians." The Haliburton Chapter of CPF Ontario formed just before the 2004/2005 school year began, and their first year has proved to be a strong one. One of the focuses of HCPF in recent months has been to create and implement summer activities that encourage French Immersion (FI) students to use their knowledge of French at different events in July and August.

Garden Party on July 16 & BBQ & Open House on Aug. 1

The Summer French Club – The first of two activities is a Garden Party in Minden on Saturday, July 16, 1-3pm, complete with fun activities that will encourage children to converse "en Français." All FI students are welcome! Registration is $5/student. RSVP, and for directions, please call Angela Fischer at 286-3781.

The second activity is the HCPF Bark Lake BBQ & Open House on Monday, on August 1st, 2:30 to 6pm. All students interested in conversing in French (core and FI), and families who are interested in the FI program for their children, are welcome to attend to meet, visit, and exchange ideas, interact, network, and lend support. $5/person or $20/family. RSVP: Please email Casey Saunders @ casey@barklake.com to register. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must stay and supervise their children.

Camp Français – Suzanne van Luik, a French and German teacher with Trillium Lakelands District School Board, is offering a French Camp (day camp) for FI and core French students grades 3-9 (as of September 2005) at Stuart Baker Elementary School. Story telling, games, music, and other activities will celebrate French language and culture. $125 per child per week – 25% discount for CPF members. For information, please email Suzanne at suzannevanluik13@yahoo.com.

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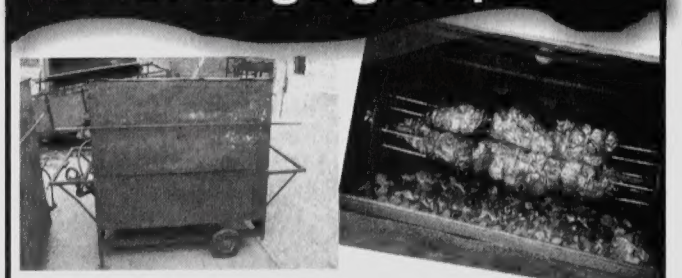

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THE DILBERT-TYPE MANAGERS

Submitted by Jon Dannewald

A Magazine Recently Ran A "Dilbert Quotes" Contest. It Sought People To Submit Quotes From Their Real-Life "Dilbert-Type" Managers. Here Are The Top Ten Finalists:

1. "As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday and employees will receive their cards in two weeks." - (This was the winning quote from Fred Dales at Microsoft Corp. in Redmond, WA.)

2. "What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter." (Lykes Lines Shipping)

3. "E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business." - (Accounting manager, Electric Boat Company)

4. "This project is so important, we can't let things that are more important interfere with it." - (Advertising/Marketing manager, United Parcel Service)

5. "Doing it right is no excuse for not meeting the schedule. - (Plant manager, Delco Corporation)

6. "No one will believe you solved this problem in one day! They've been working on it for months. Now, go act busy for a few weeks and I'll let you know when it's time to tell them." - (R&D supervisor, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing/3M Corp.)

7. Quote from the Boss: "Teamwork is a lot of people doing what I say." - (Marketing executive, Citrix Corporation)

8. My sister passed away and her funeral was scheduled for Monday. When I told my Boss, he said she died on purpose so that I would have to miss work on the busiest day of the year. He then asked if we could change her burial to Friday. He said, "That would be better for me." - (Shipping executive, FTD Florists)

9. "We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees." - (Switching supervisor, AT&T Long Lines Division)

10. One day my Boss asked me to submit a status report to him concerning a project I was working on. I asked him if tomorrow would be soon enough. He said, "If I wanted it tomorrow, I would have waited until tomorrow to ask for it!" - (Hallmark Cards

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Membership is open to all individuals who subscribe to the above objectives. HHFN is one of 134 affiliate clubs that make up the Ontario Nature's "Nature Network". (Federation of Ontario Naturalists). Presently there are approximately 70 members of the HHFN.

Implementation of a Junior Naturalists Program and the co-management of Snowdon Park and its 95-acre wetland trail complex are two of the group's undertakings.

Monthly presentations/ meetings are held at Haliburton Museum building and the AGM takes place outdoors at Snowdon Park in late August. Field trips which are open to non-members are organized throughout the year.

You are invited to join the monthly meetings which are held in the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an interesting presentation by one of their guest speakers, some refreshments, and friendly companions. You might also participate in some of their outings. It's a great way to meet people and enjoy the out-of-doors. The Haliburton Museum is almost at the end of Bayshore Acres Rd. which runs off Highway #118 west of the Village of Haliburton.

Join In On Canoe Outing, Family Bug Walk & More!!

On June 21, join the group for an intriguing presentation by Lou Spence on the Joan Brown Memorial Wildflower Show.

On July 17, Ray Laughlen leads a canoe outing to Three Brother's Falls. And later on August 13, Ray once again leads a canoe outing to Herb & Gun Lakes.

On Sunday, July 24, Jean Godawa will be leading an outing called 'The Family Bug Walk', taking place at the Minden Museum Trail. This is an event for the whole family.

These and other great events await you – so why not join the gang and become part of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists.

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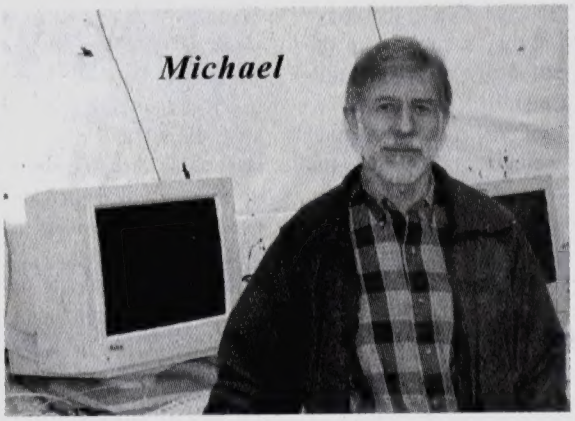
For the past six years Michael Kursbatt has been providing exceptionally high quality service and repairs to Haliburton County's computers and computers systems. In fact, the name for his company came about because all he kept hearing was "Hey, Michael, can you fix this? Hey Michael, can you take a look at this? Hey Michael, is this a virus, or what?" So, Michael Computer Solutions (MCS) it was, and is.



Michael had over 25 years experience in computer communication with Bell when he founded his company, and his experience in complex corporate systems has served him well. Besides making house calls to all manner of home PCs and small business applications, Michael has installed and services computer systems for customers as large and diverse as the Municipality of Dysart, major local businesses and us little guys.

MCS also custom builds and installs PCs right in their shop from the latest, brand new components. And no, their shop isn't filled with dusty old computer parts just waiting for a new home. MCS builds computers designed specifically for your own needs, whether it's as comparatively simple as checking for grandchildren's emails, or providing a system that will allow you to network with associates or employees around the County and around the world.

Whenever MCS analyses a computer that for whatever reason is malfunctioning, they check in detail the integrity of all major components, from memory to hard drive, motherboard and processor.

The major problem facing most computer users at the moment is the deluge of viruses and spyware that lurk on the Internet and can seep into home and business systems so easily. So with every service call, MCS makes sure that your system is thoroughly scanned for the presence of any of these pests that might be affecting the system's performance. Sometimes even software applications, misapplied, can drag down a computer's performance, a problem that needs to be addressed in many older systems.

And now, Michael Kursbatt is delighted to announce the arrival of Rob McPhee who's become a full Associate with the company. With the addition of Rob, Michael says that MCS is poised to take on even greater challenges and range of customers. For example, the building of major custom web sites will be a growing part of the business.

Rob, together with his wife Robin and children Monica, Randy, and Jonathan, moved to Haliburton in February from London, where he held a senior technical position with the IT department of the London Health Services Centre.

Rob looks forward to meeting Michael's new and old customers alike, and is committed to providing honest straightforward computer service and advice. In fact, he's just finishing the company's new website, with the great URL of www.4573962.com (which, not coincidentally, is MCS' office number).

On the new site, customers will be able to log in and leave questions of any kind, which will be answered promptly by MCS staff. Soon the site will be able to link customers to sites around the world and create a global knowledge base, and in addition keep track of every individual system's service history.

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MCS is located in the rear of the H&R Block office & Central Office Supplies at 61 Maple Avenue in Haliburton, and you can contact them at 457-3962. Their office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am until 5 pm, and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

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A taste panel organized by James Robertson, author of *The Great American Beer Book,* agreed with many people's low opinion of the Molson sold in the U.S. When asked about this, Martlet Importing Company, which handles Molson's U.S. sales, claimed the American and Canadian versions were identical when brewed, and said that any differences arose from the fact that beer is perishable, and can go stale in the time it takes to reach American supermarket shelves.

To check this, Robertson procured samples of Molson Ale, Golden Ale, and Canadian in Montreal and had the taste panel compare them to samples of the same Molson products that had just arrived in New Jersey. Except for one batch of U.S. Molson Ale, which was described as "skunky," the panelists agreed the fresh U.S. and Canadian versions were virtually identical, the one difference being that the Canadian stuff, which came in cans, was more carbonated than the bottled U.S. variety.

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THE YEAR OF 1904

This ought to boggle your mind! The year is 1904... Just over one Hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some of the statistics for 1904 (mostly U.S. – but it still gives you a good idea):

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years. Only 14 Percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour. The average U.S. worker made between $200 and $400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn $2000 per year, a dentist $2,500 per year, a veterinarian between $1,500 and $4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about $5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:
1. Pneumonia and influenza 2. Tuberculosis 3. Diarrhea 4. Heart disease 5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

Just think what it will be like in another 100 years. It boggles the mind!

Watch Out For The Return Of Crazy Raft Fever Season

It is not just insects that blossom this time of year. Wise cottagers and residents of Haliburton Highlands are also on the lookout for another seasonal itch that few water warriors can resist scratching.

Yes, this year is shaping up to be a banner season for the crazy raft-building bug. Early season symptoms were observed soon after ice out, when claustrophobic cottagers could be seen frantically hammering away at anything that floats. "You have to start early if you want to win Minden's July 1st Crazy Raft Race," said one anonymous raft addict. "Last year our raft finished the race in several pieces. The chimney did not make it under the bridge, and the chairs fell off, so this year we are using more rope and a lower profile". Another entry claimed a secret success formula: "It is all in the preparation. We found that Molson's does not cut it, so we switch to a secret non-alcoholic brew". Meanwhile the artistically talented have a different goal "We are going to win the best costume award and wow the judges with our creativity".

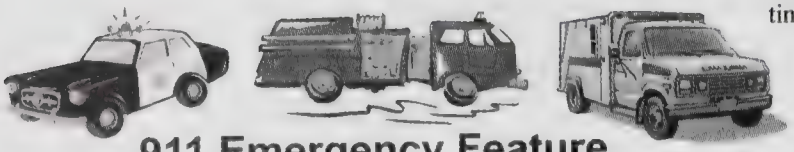
The musically talented are also busy writing crew songs, determined to unseat the teams from Girls Ranger Camp, who have been perpetual winners of the "most enthusiastic crew award".

Race organizer, Councilor Peter Oyler said "The Canada Day Committee has been preparing for the July 1st Crazy Raft Race since late last year, and we will be ready for a bumper crop of Crazy Raft builders and their families". The judging team has been on a strict training regime, and they will be out in full force on the Gull River to judge crew enthusiasm, best costume, most original raft, and the first to finish. "Our emphasis is on fun, not speed" said Peter, "and as well as $50 prizes and plaques for the 4 categories we will have candies for all finishers".

There is no entry fee for the event, but all entrants must wear life jackets and sign the waivers (entrants under the age of 18 must get the waiver signed by their parent or guardian). Entrants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult (The adult can also come down in an accompanying canoe).

Registration is from11am to noon at Rotary Park (across from Kawartha Dairies). Race Directors Linda & Bill Chadwick say "the race will start promptly at 12.30pm, and finish at the bridge in downtown Minden". As always, safety is a major goal, and the Minden Amateur Radio Club will again be providing a Safety patrol along the length of the race. "There are no rapids to worry about" said Bill, "but the current has been known to sweep some rafts into the overhanging branches on the first bend, so we have kayaks in the water to assist if needed". Waterlogged rafts have also received free tows from Bill's team, but he would be grateful if designers included a little more buoyancy in this year's creations.

If you want more information, contact Bill at 905-853-0955 or bill.chadwick@sympatico.ca. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all you raft addicts at Registration on July 1st. Be there or be square!



911 Emergency Feature

Meet Dwight Thomas

When Dwight Thomas joined Minden's Ambulance Service in January of 1974 – yes, you read that right, 1974 — the requirements were: (1): a Standard First Aid Certificate, and, (2): a Chauffeur's License. But way back then, the Ambulance Service was still a part of the Fire Department, and ambulance drivers, as they were then called, were even required to supply their own work clothes.

As Dwight puts it, "What was I thinking?!" With a college degree in journalism and an inquiring mind, you might think that there were other career choices, and there certainly were. But Dwight was brought up in Minden, had great respect for his home town, and soon found he really liked the work. "You can actually help people, you can really make a difference," he says. "In the city you see a lot more patients, but here you see each patient for a much longer time." And of course, in rural areas like ours, your chances of a patient being someone you know are, in the winter months at least, pretty high.

Dwight has, of course, upgraded his qualifications regularly over the years and says that the system has been greatly improved. Ambulance drivers are true paramedics now, and each ambulance's equipment reflects the huge advances in medical technology. The new 911 system and centralized dispatching has also made life simpler for all emergency services: although when you've driven the County for as many years as Dwight, there aren't many back roads you don't already know.

Dwight Thomas, as Duty Officer for the Haliburton Emergency Medical Service, takes great pride in the standard of service provided. Paramedics like Dwight are just one more reason why Haliburtonians trust and respect the men and women whose job it is to respond to emergencies.

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The House Made Of Straw

Just what is that strange looking building going up next to the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton? And why does the Gallery look as if it's levitating above the ground?

Haliburton's York Street is changing fast and these two buildings are a big part of it. In upcoming issues the Communicator will bring you completely up to date on these developments, but in the meantime that strange looking building needs your help.

The building is part of Fleming College's sustainable building and design course and eventually it will house the 4Cs food bank and second hand clothing and furniture depot. The building is made of straw bales, primarily, and will be a centrepiece of Fleming's innovative, leading-edge certificate program. The project is in urgent need of empty plastic pop bottles, which are an integral part of the construction of the interior walls. That's right, plastic pop bottles, which in fact make a long-lasting and durable building material. Better in a building, for sure, than sitting in a landfill forever.

If you have any lying around ready for the dump, or hopefully the recycling bin, please drop them off at the site Monday to Friday between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm. The earth, and the sustainable building project, will thank you.

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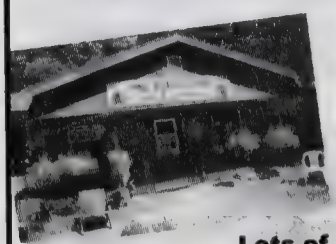

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By Foot, By Horse, By ATV, By Cycle... Come One, Come All!!

Meghan Kennedy is a bright energetic Haliburton native who grabbed the opportunity this winter and spring to work as a business intern with U-Links, a project of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. These internships provide college students with the chance to get involved on a professional basis in a particular community-based project. Meghan is a graduate of Wilfred Laurier University, and wanted to take some time to decide on her next career move.

Since January Meghan's been working with the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours network as an event planner, and this month she gets to see one of her major projects come to fruition. On June 25th Trails and Tours will proudly present their Mixed-User Trail Mixer, a scavenger relay with a unique twist. The event takes place along the old I.B.& O. railway line starting in Tory Hill, and each relay team will be made of, get this, one Horse and Rider, one Runner/Walker, one ATVer, and one Cyclist. How's that for multi-use!

Here's how it works. Each team must consist of one of each of the trail users. So teams need to round up someone in each user category. But relax! You don't need your own horse. Tammy Donaldson of South Algonquin Trails will be providing (and supervising) the horses. And if you can't get a team together, Meghan will be happy to help organize one for you. Just sign up in your own user category and she'll do the rest. Each distinct trail user will occupy a specific section of the trail, so teams won't actually race together, but like-users will. The horse course is 18 km, the runner/walker 11 km, the ATVer 22 km, and the cyclist 15 km.

Each member of the four-person relay team will search the trail for certain items and objects. When found, take a photo of the item with a disposable polaroid, and the team with the most photos of items wins! Prizes will be offered both individually and as a team. Bonus points can be earned by collecting garbage along the trails as well. And be sure and bring your own digital for a chance to win the Best Shot prize.

This fun and challenging event begins at 2:30 pm at the Tory Hill Community Park. Race time is 3:00 pm and you MUST be pre-registered.

And that's not all. Later that afternoon at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce there'll be a Mix It Up! social time for scavenger hunt participants.

At 7:00 pm the evening events get under way with a Pasta Extravaganza Dinner featuring a "Create your own Pasta" theme by ItalPasta, Todd's Independent Grocer, and Franka's Delectables Catering. Donations also made by Agnew's in Wilberforce and the Wilberforce Grocer.

At 9:00 pm the Live Band with Timber Tom & The Crosscuts will start. Throughout the evening a Silent Auction will be available, as well as several games with lots of prizes.

For further information on this terrific event, and for registration information, please contact Meghan Kennedy at U-Links, 286-2411, or Tammy Donaldson at 448-1751.

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New Business

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Baubles 'n' Bon Bons is Haliburton's newest retail venture and it might easily qualify as the most unusual. However, owners Jim and Fiona Stewart are certainly no strangers to the retail business: Jim worked in the jewelry department at Birks for 20 years, and Fiona has managed Kavar Jewelry stores in both Pickering and Richmond Hill.

Their new venture is a combination of many things, including for starters bon bons, belts, bags and baubles: or, as Jim puts it, "everything for the babes." Jim also admits that all his life he's wanted "to be a kid in the candy store." And now he has his own.

Baubles 'n' Bon Bons offers a very intriguing and funky mix of original stuff. There's some very interesting pieces of jewelry, for instance, which you'd expect. But there's also an excellent selection of specialized candies and, of course, bon bons to fit any occasion. There's also some unusual and funny stone sculptures (the rock bass is a favourite), elegant hand made wooden walking sticks, crazy wine racks and bottle holders, and of course, the occasional psychotic flying fish.

The candy selection includes gift boxes and individual truffles, amaretto and cherry brandy treats, and a variety of Elm Creek chocolates. There's also an excellent selection of all natural lotions made right here in Haliburton by Touch of Nature including such exotic items as Brown Sugar Body Buff and Butter Bar Moisturizer.

Baubles 'n' Bon Bons also features carefully chosen ladies' accessories such as belts and handbags. Other items include silk floral arrangements (locally created), fogger bowls (you have to see them to believe them), and a good selection of funny, if slightly gross candies for kids.

Jim and Fiona Stewart have chosen their highly varied inventory with a very particular and sharp eye. Baubles 'n' Bon Bons is a must visit if you're looking for something unusual or just plain fun. Or, of course, for you own personal sweet tooth. As the Stewarts put it, "Remember – it's only half the calories if you share!"

Baubles 'n' Bon Bons is open seven days a week from 10 am until 6 pm and is located in the Village Barn next to Perkins Antiques.

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It's 100 Years Old and You're Invited To Celebrate!!

St. Peter' Church at Maple Lake is celebrating its anniversary year with some special upcoming events and guest speakers – so keep watching this space and plan to attend one or all of these great gatherings – we'll be running this column throughout the summer with the listings of the most recent upcoming events. There is a lot happening from now right through to Thanksgiving – don't miss this summer's exciting events!! Everyone is welcome!!

Wednesday June 29
Guest Preacher – Bishop Colin Johnson and St. Paul's Choir. Holy Communion

Saturday July 2
Salad Supper – from 5 – 7 p.m.

Watch for more events in the next issue...

A Brief History of St. Peter's Church in Maple Lake

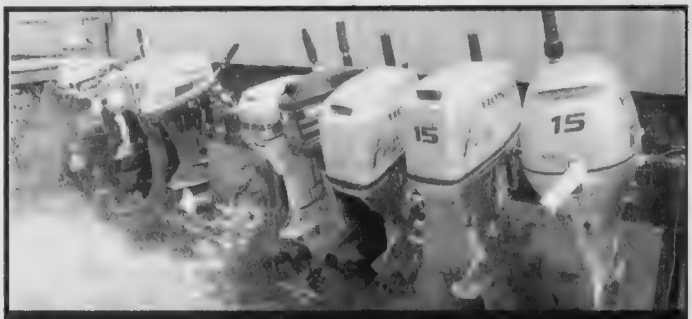
The first St. Peter's church was a rough, frame building completed in 1887 on land donated by Richard Dawson. The first service was held on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, of that year. The congregation and the community prospered and by the turn of the century a larger, and warmer church was needed. In October 1901, the Rt. Reverend Bishop Sweatman laid the foundation stone.

Lack of funds delayed further work until the determined enthusiasm of the local Anglican community, and a gift of $400 from the Women's Auxiliary of Toronto, allowed work to proceed in 1905. The congregation was fortunate in having John Henry Billing, a skilled stonemason, as a member. The entire congregation helped Mr. Billing with donations of pine timber, transporting stones from the nearby hill and bringing sand and gravel from the river.

On the shores of Maple Lake, William Welch burned the limestone into lime in a kiln. This was used as mortar for the stonework. Brothers Eldon and Arthur Dawson assisted Billing as the new stone church gradually took shape. Billing was a true craftsman, and something of a perfectionist. He always refused, for example, to erect a building on anyone else's foundation. His church, which a 100 years later is as solid as the year it was built, is testament to Billing's devotion.

Some of the material in the old church was used in the new, including the old Church bell which still hangs today in the little stone belfry.

St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1906, saw the Reverend Mr. Carey officially open the new church by administering the Holy Communion to the faithful congregation. The names of the charter members of the Parish reflected the area's earliest settlers: Dawson, Welch, Ferguson, Sisson, Gibbs, Redner, Morrison, Barry, Taylor, and Thompson. The occasion was made even happier by the absence of any debt. The congregation – and the Toronto ladies – had paid for it all.



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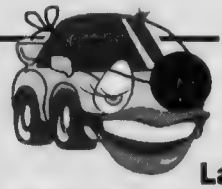

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GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts.!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Elora - Wellington County Museum

Formerly the House of Industry and Refuge from 1877 through 1947 (basically, a 'home' for the... displaced,) and then was a museum with apparently one (if not maybe a few) extra tenants.

Another case of elevators with minds of their own and ghostly footsteps that are heard. Furniture is moved and re-organized and the feelings of being watched and followed are pervasive in especially the attic.

The attic has a legend about a woman who was sent to the institution when her struggling family found out she was with child. The woman gave birth and promptly wrote a will bequeathing her sole possession, a ring, to the baby before committing suicide. It is thought that the ghost could be this woman. Granted, many sad stories and reports are bound to come from a place such as this and who knows if this is the spirit people are encountering or if it is one of the many other souls who passed through this building.

According to Mysteries of Ontario, psychic investigators also stumbled across the spirits of two quarrelsome old women in the edifice so who knows how many or who the ghost really is.

Former curator of the Wellington County Museum and author Pat Mestern has a book called "Anna: Child of the Poor House" (1981) that details some of the ghostly occurrences within the museum.

This Museum is an historic landmark and is recognized as the Oldest House of Industry in Canada.

Bill Young

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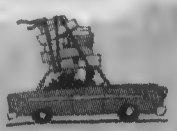

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Calling All Cyclists

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, through its Program Committee, cordially invites all cyclists, and anyone interested in supporting cycling, to a public meeting on Thursday June 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall, at Fleming College.

The purpose of this get together is to determine the need for enhanced cycling opportunities, conditions and circumstances in the County and to explore the possibility of forming a Haliburton County Cycling Club.

Please come and share your voice – we hope to gather a wide representation of suggestions, concerns and opinions. For further information contact Erin Derbyshire at Trails and Tours 489-4049, Sue Ferren 766-1966 or Sean Pennylegion 457-1174. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Art In The Street- Call For Applications

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands is looking for artists who want to take their work to the people.

This summer, the Arts Council will be sponsoring Art in the Street demonstrations and/or performances on the main street in Haliburton and at various special events in the county. We are looking for visual artists and artisans who can work on projects involving their art forms at the Art in the Street booth - creating an interactive and interesting display. We are also looking for performing artists (musicians, buskers, etc.) who can provide entertainment and/or demonstrations of their art forms. All activities should be suitable for a family audience. Our intention is to encourage passers-by to stop to inquire or watch what is taking place and to learn more about the arts in Haliburton County.

Last year, the Art in the Street tent was visited by hundreds of people from all over the county, both visitors and residents alike. This summer, Art in the Street will take place weekly in the Village Barn Square in the village of Haliburton as well as at special arts-related events such as Canada Day in Minden and the Haliburton Art & Craft Show at Head Lake Park. Art in the Street is an unparalleled chance for artists to promote their art as well as arts in the Highlands. Artists will receive a fee for their participation. Art in the Street is open to visual and performing artists who are members of The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands. Interested artists who are not yet members of the Arts Council are welcome to become members.

This year, The Arts Council will be using an application process to select which artists will appear at Art in the Street. Want to know more? Call Vanessa at 457-3555 or write an email to info@haliburtonarts.on.ca and she'll get back to you with more information, the criteria for participating, and an application form. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity!

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If you like Bass fishing, there aren't too many better places in the area to fish than Elephant, Baptiste, or Benoir lakes. Well your chance to enjoy some amazing fishing is coming up on Saturday July 23rd in Harcourt, and the prizes are pretty worthy of fishing for. This is the 8th annual Harcourt Bass tournament and the new prize structure is as follows: $1,500 for 1st. Prize pay out to the next 9 teams. There will be a Big Bass Prize of $500 and a Parent/ Child (16 years and under) prize also. The remaining amount will go to the Rec Development of Harcourt and other different community charities.

Some rules of the tourney are to be noted. Fish must be 12" or longer, No live bait allowed, live wells are mandatory, and all license and boating regulations apply. To register you will need a fee of $100 per team, and need to register by July 1st. A team would consist of two participants in one boat. Only the 1st 100 entries will be accepted, so be sure to register early! To find out more details you can contact Ed Otto at 705-448-2106.

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Discover The Wilds & Naturals Of Haliburton County

Join in with others this summer and discover the ecosystems and natural wonders of Haliburton County.

In the tradition of the Frost Centre, The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with Out to Learn is presenting the 2005 Discovery Days program.

Families and individuals are invited to participate in these fun and informative sessions that focus on exploring the ecosystems and natural wonders of the County. Insect repellent, long pants, and sturdy footwear are recommended for most programs. Programs are 2-4 hours in length. Registration in advance is required for all programs. The cost of each program is $8 for adults and $5 for children – and there is a special rate for families of 4 - $20 – that is any combination of 2 adults and 2 children under 18.

Programs are limited to 30 participants so register early so you don't miss out.

The following is a list of the upcoming programs:

Wildlife CSI:

Wednesday July 13th – from 1:30 – 5:30 at the Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery. (Near Haliburton)

Welcome to the world of wildlife forensics! This family oriented program is filled with hands on activities, which will familiarize participants with various aspects of wildlife identification using DNA, tracks, furs, skulls and so much more!

Professionals in this field will share their knowledge and experiences in order to help you become the expert. Participants will become the investigators, examining clues and following evidence to determine the "who done it" in a wildlife crime scene.

Gems Beneath Your Boots:

Wednesday July 20 from 1:30 – 4:30 at the Green Mantle Farm (West of Wilberforce)

Haliburton Rocks!! This hike offers a once-in-a-lifetime tour of undisturbed deposits of fluomichterite, orthoclase, tremolite, actinolite, apatite and quartz.

John Etches, your geologist guide, and hosts Sandra and Mark Bramham will interpret the geological history and reveal the unspoiled beauty of this extraordinary site.

Find out how rocks and minerals below can influence the plants and trees above.

This tour includes 2 – 3 kms of on-trail and off-trail hiking. This is a non-collecting tour, for viewing only. Cameras welcome, hammers are not.

Why Wetlands?

Wednesday July 27th from 9:30 – 12:30 at 1126 Warder Rd, Lochlin

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Come and join everyone for some soggy boot fun, enjoying the beauty that this area has to offer while learning about various wetland inhabitants including beavers, pitcher plants and bogey men!

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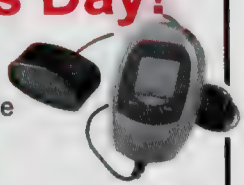

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Don't Miss "Fabulous Fibre Show" June 25th

In conjunction with invited fibre artists and groups in Haliburton County, The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is planning a celebration of the beauty and talents present within its boundaries.

The one day show will be held in Haliburton at the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday, June 25. Anyone with a love and appreciation of fabrics or fibres (e.g. guilts, fibre art, spinning, weaving, knitting. etc.) is invited to attend.

Admission is $3.00, time 10am to 4pm. There will also be a quilt raffle "Impressions of Haliburton" and a quilt appraiser on site.

Websites of Interest

New Teen E-Zine Website - Scene And Heard - For Young Writers And Artists

www.familyserviceshaliburton.ca/ezine/main.htm

Family Services has a new Teen E-zine website called Scene and Heard. It is a website where young writers and artists can have their work reviewed by a professional writer in preparation for having it published online. They accept poetry, creative writing and art. They are also having a logo contest and entries can be submitted by July 1st.

www.ohmyribbonsandbows.ca - Oh My! Ribbons & Bows

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www.naturesounds.ca - Nature Sounds

This website has been in existence since October, search engine optimized, it is receiving an average 1900 hits a day in May. It features free nature sounds samples (over 6,000 downloads per month), a visitor can buy song downloads, order CDs, (with instant payment over the net) or just read about nature sounds. Visitors from Europe including Norway, Sweden, UK, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Near East including Israel, Saudi Arabia, Far East including Malaysia, Singapore, South America including Brazil, Argentina.

www.libris.ca/hali - Haliburton County Library

The library has a fantastic website that can help you with a multitude of services related to the library system. Visit www.libris.ca/hali. You can view the hours of operation for all eight branches and the administrative centre, the Haliburton County Public Library catalogue, the provincial database and other useful information. Requests can be done from the website for books to be sent to the branch of the patron's choice for pickup. In April 2005 there were 986 hits on the website.

If you are a local area business or group with a new or existing website - let us know and we'll feature your website information. Email your site to highlands@thecommunicator.ca. We are going to feature a site or two each issue so people can check out your site - so let us now your website address.

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"I do not think that a flight across the Atlantic will be made in our time, and I include the youngest readers.
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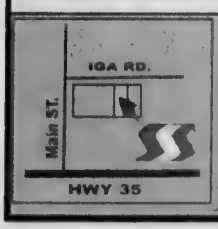

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Meet Our New "Teen" Reporter... Christine Carr

Hi! My name is Christine Carr, and I am in grade eleven at Hal High. I am starting a new article, all about what's going on for youth in the community and what they can do. I am also doing an article on what's happening at Hal High. I have enjoyed writing for many years, and am looking forward to getting the voice of the High school into the community! I would love to hear from anyone if they know of any events coming up in or out of school that they would like mentioned, or if you are doing something that would make a great story – let me know. You can call the Communicator Office at 457-9999 or let me know if you see me on the street or around and about.

Thanks! Christine Carr

Are you or do you know a teen who has won an award, maybe accomplished a goal, excelling in a sport, have an interesting hobby... We'd love to do a story about you in our new "Teen Column" by Christine Carr. Call 457-9999

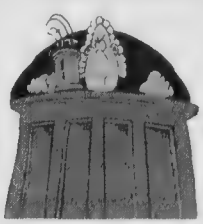
Annual Spring Concert

On Wednesday, April the 25th the music students of Hal High put on yet another great performance as they said a sad farewell to their music season once again this year, with their annual Spring Concert. Parents, relatives, and friends alike came out to attend the concert, which was an explosive mix of singing, excitement, and jazz. The evening started out beautifully with the choir singing three of its best songs, lulling all into a trance with its beauty. The flute choir was next to take the stage, and it played two exciting pieces, their repertoire for the Stars of the Festival concert they attended on the 30th in the Orillia Opera House, where they accepted their award for best ensemble. The stage soon became much more crowded as the two concert bands took the stage consecutively, and the excitement mounted as the music began getting faster and louder with each song, until the last one was truly an explosive burst of energy, hinted at by its title: Fire Dance. By this point the evening was almost over, and the Jazz combo played their repertoire for the evening, and the Jazz ensemble took to the stage for an explosive end to the evening. There were excellent solos by many, including Sarah McMaster, Nick Chumbley, Jennifer and Erin Ellison-Frewing, and many more. As the friends and relatives started pouring out of the theatre there was one comment in common: all had a great time, and another music season at Hal High has officially been declared a great success.

Farewell School Year - Hello Summer!

The school year is yet again drawing to a close, and students are beginning to think about one thing: preparing for exams. Sports are drawing to an end, music is over, and large assignments' due dates are drawing nearer. The last spirit week is nearing its end, with days such as Worldly Wednesday, Texan Tuesday, and more fun days along those themes. However, even with all of these assignments drawing nearer students are looking forward to the major event of the year: Prom. With a theme like a night in Paris, who wouldn't want to go? Students are shopping for dresses, booking hair appointments, and preparing for the big night on Friday July 3rd. As the school year draws to a close, you begin to reflect upon those events, which made the year great. This year's co-captains Jill and Will did a great job leading the school, and one of the big music events was when Jazz Band got invited to Nationals! Unfortunately, they weren't able to attend, but they are going to Nationals in Ottawa next year instead. The Washington trip was another highlight, one of the largest trips this year, with five amazing and fun-filled days in Gettysburg, PA and Washington, DC. The school pulled together in January, raising 1000 dollars a day for the Tsunami Crisis, and this year can officially be hailed a success. Naturally, we have to thank the teachers and the staff for doing such an amazing job this year and successfully handling hundreds of students yet again, but not to worry- we'll all be back next year! Good luck to those graduating, and hopefully they will be a success in post-secondary.

It's The Law!



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Getting married on a dare is grounds for an annulment.

It is illegal to fly over any body of water, unless one is carrying sufficient supplies of food and drink.

Florida

In Miami, it is illegal for a man to wear any kind of strapless gown.

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Professional competence and personal merit are the primary qualifications considered by the committee. Professional competence includes professional characteristics such as general proficiency in the law, analytical skills, ability to maintain an open mind, capacity to make decisions, and the ability to handle the isolation of the judicial role. Personal characteristics include a sense of ethics, patience, common sense, tact, and the ability to listen.

The committee is only an advisory committee to the Minister of Justice and is asked to assess an applicant on the basis of three categories: recommended, highly recommend, or unable to recommend for an appointment. The final decision for an appointment remains with the Minister who is known, on occasion, to make an appointment from the recommended category rather than from the highly recommended category.

In the next column, I will be talking about the law on slip and fall accidents.

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Gelert Possibly Losing Their Hall - Help Save This Historic Landmark & Community Beacon

By Christine Carr

Haliburton County is a county full of lakes, rivers, and a generous community, and a surprising amount of history. The small community of Gelert is facing the possible closure of its last living remnant of history for the town, a staple of community life for decades upon decades. To truly understand the impact, however, you must first know the history. Gelert grew to its height of power when the railroad was the main method of transportation for the country, and it cut right through town on the well-known tracks that are still there today. Gelert, in those days, was the end of the road for the train. Anyone who wanted to travel onwards would have to catch a stagecoach from our then booming town-and booming it was. Just a few of the businesses that existed included two general stores, a blacksmith shop, a train station, at least two churches, a hotel, and stagecoach services. The building that is today our Community Centre was built later on, in 1951. When the railroad was extended to Haliburton our small town suffered greatly, and today all that is left are a few of the abandoned buildings and one thing-the Community Centre. Over the years the Community Centre has held many things; a schoolhouse, which started in the building during the fall of '51, a Sunday school, a township office, and in today's role, numerous Halloween and Christmas parties, a quilters group, card parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, parties, reunions, and it is rented by the Equestrian club and the South Lake Cottage association-and that's just scratching the surface! Audrey Vick, who has been a leading member on the board of directors since the sixties, as well as a strong community member, remembers the raising of the roof for the building, where the entire community of Gelert, along with other communities came out to help. They had a barbeque and many memories were made.

The Community Centre is a place of history, where many families can connect through thanks to their ancestors. In my family alone, for example, my great-grandfather was the municipal clerk for over 25 years, my Grandmother attended school there, my mother has memories of attending Sunday school there, and I myself have memories of attending Halloween parties, Christmas parties, and other special events! For example, I am now nearing the end of my High School years, but when I was little I won a dollar one year for best costume when I wore my very fashionable pumpkin outfit! There are many memories built into that relatively small building. Audrey Vick remembers the Sunday school trips. They would rent a bus and travel to zoos, Black Creek Pioneer Village, and there was a new place every year. That's one way to inspire children! Dorothy McElwain, who is another long-time resident of Gelert, has served on the Board since approximately 1966/67, when it first started, and has only recently retired. She found that her fondest memory of the building was the day her oldest son started school there. Over the years it has been a place for the community to get together, for younger people to mingle with older, and it has helped preserve the fragile sense of community for decades.

The local government is considering closing this town center. It is allowed to stay open for an unspecified amount of time if the Community pays the building expenses. The board of directors for the community center and the community itself is trying to raise the money to keep it open, so it can continue giving to the community as it has done through Gelert's surprisingly detailed history. Already the board has raised over $2700 at a recent spaghetti dinner and toonie auction. It was a highly successful fundraising event, and was only possible thanks to the many people and places that donated wonderful items for the auction-everything anyone could possibly want! It only cost a toonie to put in a bid, so many people left with some nice goodies at the end of the night. It may sound like a lot of money raised, but already the resources are starting to shrink, as expenses have to be paid. Through Mrs. Vick, the Hall is available for rental to any individuals or groups that would like to use it, which is another source of income, but there is one more important event planned

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before summer: the annual Yard and Bake Sale. On Saturday June 18th, from 8 am to 3 pm the community is holding a yard sale at the Hall, right in the middle of Gelert on County Rd. 1 where you can't miss it. There will be a bake sale, with everything from home-cooked pies to Gayla Newell's famous tea biscuits. We're hoping more money will be raised there, for the Hall is an important spot. When looking to the future Dorothy McElwain has one wish: to see the Hall kept going, looked after, and to see more generations of Gelert townspeople having fun and getting to know each other there. She has fond memories there, and called it an, "all-around hall", for that is what it is-anyone can use it for whatever they want.

It appears as though the Hall may be on limited time, but the community refuses to give in. As Dorothy McElwain said, "many a party has been held there," and hopefully many more will. There are more weddings in the future, and hopefully more celebrations to follow.

Urban Legends

The Body in the Bed

A man and his wife were vacationing in Las Vegas and as they arrived in their room they found it was filled with an overpowering stench. They called the front desk to complain, and headed for the casinos for some late-night gambling while the problem was taken care of. When they returned to the room, the stench was replaced with the strong smell of chemical cleaners and deodorizers, annoyed but satisfied that it was better than before they went to bed. Early in the morning the smell had returned so strongly that it awakened them, the man called the manager and angrily demanded another room immediately. While his wife packed up their stuff the man ripped the sheets off the bed, where the smell seemed to be coming from. He found that the mattress had been cut open and a well-dressed corpse had been shoved inside. The couple were given a complimentary suite and free passes to the shows.

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Meet The Artist

Jane Selbie

Jane Selbie spent her childhood high on the mountains of what was then the outskirts of Vancouver. She remembers vividly as a little girl exploring with her sisters the ravines and creeks where decades ago prospectors sluiced for gold and where their abandoned cabins could still be discovered. She was always fascinated both by the majesty of nature, and by the little individual details. The stones in the creeks, for instance, or the moss on trees.

Her mother taught her girls embroidery and when weather meant indoor play, encouraged them to use their imagination with spare materials, buttons from the button box, and bits of fabric to create pictures for what they affectionately called their "hopeless chest." And when the family moved to the Toronto area, they lived close to ravines and creeks where Jane made certain to spend time to reconnect to nature and to her own imagination.

Jane moved with her own family to Haliburton in 1978 and set about raising her sons and working for various social agencies in management and administrative capacities. She also quickly fell in love with Haliburton's dramatic and demanding landscape, and was increasingly eager to find a way to express her deep-felt connection with her surroundings.

Apart from one inspiring high school art teacher, Jane has received no formal artistic training. So she started with what she knew: fabric and embroidery. By the early 1990s, she was selling little quilts and pillows at county fairs. This success, and the encouragement of Paulette Blake, gave her the confidence to create larger works, tote bags, and so on, which Paulette sold at her store on Highland Street in Haliburton. But Jane was still searching for a means, or technique that would in effect allow her to paint – but without traditional watercolours which held no appeal for her. Finally she decided to use the medium she knew best – fabrics – to allow her restless imagination loose on the landscapes she loved.

Soon Jane began to sell small fabric works at yard sales around the County, and even handed out surveys to friends and buyers to try to find out what they really thought of the work. The results were so reassuring that Jane was soon creating bigger and more complex works. She became guest artist at Doreen Berry's Stained Glass Studio near Minden, and by the year 2000 joined Haliburton's annual Studio Tour.

The response to her Studio Tour work was overwhelmingly positive – and seemed to convince Jane, once and for all, that her talent was real, and that she had a committed and respectful audience. Another major breakthrough was an important exhibit at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington called "Colours Claimed," which was very successful, both in sales and critical comment. Exhibits at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden and the Rails End in Haliburton soon followed with similar acclaim.

So what exactly is fabric art, and how do you do it? Here's how Jane describes it. "Each fabric picture is created from many pieces of fabric, much like a mosaic. Beginning with a heavy cotton 'canvas', layers of fabric are arranged to establish the image. Increased detail is applied to build the subject. The textures and pattern of different fabrics allow me to create the subtle shading and detail." She also points out that "good scissors, an acid-free adhesive, and care are the essential tools." For certain, this is meticulous, disciplined, detailed work. But in the end, it allows Jane's imagination to take flight and "create perspective and mood that best captures the images I want to share."

This summer marks another major turning point in Jane Selbie's

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life and career, as she's decided to devote herself full-time to her art, her studio, and her teaching. Although she confesses to be "filled with trepidation," her schedule is busy and demanding. At the moment she's completing a major commission for the Dorset Museum – her biggest work to date: a 5 by 3' creation for a "Memory Tree" honouring Museum donors. As well she's conducting regular "Discovery Opportunities" as she calls them, which are beginner and intermediate workshops in fabric manipulation. She also provides demonstrations of her techniques and makes lecture presentations. In June Jane is a featured speaker at the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association, and in July she starts an extended exhibition at Queen's Park in Toronto. Also in July and August Jane will be teaching courses at Haliburton's School of the Arts, and is finalizing an October-November schedule for beginner, intermediate, and advanced workshops our of her own studio.

Jane Selbie's complex layered visions of the Canadian landscapes are now in professional and personal collections worldwide. Jane's studio is open to the public Wednesdays to Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm, or by appointment at 457-3412. Her work is also available at the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton, and at Whispers North in Minden. Her studio is located at 87, Bayshore Acres, Haliburton.

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INSTITUTIONALIZED BULLYING: Two students at Wyomina Park Elementary School in Ocala, Fla., were caught doodling in class. The 9-and 10-year-old boys had drawn stick figures purportedly showing a classmate being hanged, with other stick figures "holding knives pointed through" his body. The teacher called in the school's dean, who called in the police, who called in the State Attorney's Office for consultation. The boys were arrested, handcuffed and charged with "making a written threat to kill or harm another person," a felony. The mother of the 9-year-old says her son was upset at the boy supposedly in the drawing since that boy had been pushing and shoving him at school. She said her son, a special education student, would not be able to associate the drawing with actual physical violence. (Ocala Star-Banner) ...With him in jail, then, the bullying is complete.

INSTITUTIONAL BULLY II: School officials in Chicago, Ill., say a teacher at Morgan Park School taped shut the mouths and eyes of several second-grade students who were disrupting her class. She gave students a warning first, though: "Sit your ass down!" No charges have been filed, but the school district has started procedures to fire the unnamed teacher. (Chicago Sun-Times) ...Portrait of American Justice: Assault children, no charges. Draw a picture of a bully: felony charges.

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What Local Building Supply Companies Have To Say About New Building Regulations & What They Can Do To Help You:

The new Ontario regulations regarding building designs and permits have a lot of home builders, small contractors and do-it-yourselfers worried that their pet project – or their new home – is going to be unduly delayed, or even rejected.

Starting July 1st municipalities will require a complete building application, for instance, which must include septic permits and complete building plans. And by January 1st, 2006, your contractor must have your plans stamped by a registered building designer. The date for compliance was moved up to January 1st because no appropriate insurance was available for builders and building-supply businesses. In a nutshell – you can no longer just "scratch" some drawings up of your new reno plans, or addition, or deck, etc.. and start building. No sir – soon any and all plans must receive the "stamp of approval" by a registered building designer. I don't know how many professional architech firms there are close by to handle the flow of renos, decks, and building plans that are generated each year, but the really good news it that many of our local building supply stores have a "registered" building designer on staff to help you.

The proper insurance has always been available to civil engineers and architects, so the government and the insurance industry are working together to make sure it's more widely available. So just what will the new regulations mean if, for example, you want to build a new addition to your work shed?

Here's what three of our local building supply companies, Emmerson Lumber and Haliburton Lumber Tim-Br Mart in Haliburton and Minden Home Hardware and Building Supplies in Minden, had to say on the matter.

John Spielberg

Minden Home Building Supply

John Spielberg has just joined Minden Home Building as head of Contractor Sales after a successful career as an independent builder and contractor. And last week he completed his final exams in order to gain the new certification and be registered with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. But John doesn't think the new regulations are by any means a bad thing. For starters it makes building inspection codes uniform across the province so builders will be facing the same set of regulation in Dysart, Muskoka, Stanhope, or Highlands East. He concedes that it will also mean that individual builders will have to pay strict attention to the new regulations: "there's going to be very little wiggle-room left: if you don't know exactly what you're going to do, you'll need to get back to the

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Our Local Building Supply Stores Are Here To "Save The Day"!

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drawing board. Or come and see us sooner rather than later."

Emmerson Lumber

For Cleve Roberts, Registered Designer with Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton, the new regulations don't represent a huge change. "We'll be giving our customers, individuals and building contractors, exactly the same quality and level of service that we've been delivering since 1957.

The insurance is an important issue, for sure, and but it will be resolved soon. For one thing it will mean less liability for the municipalities, for example. And it will also have the effect of weeding out some smaller building contractors who don't have the necessary technical expertise. But for the vast majority of our customers, it will be business as usual."

Laurie Devolin

Keith Moore & Cleve Roberts

Haliburton Lumber

John Wilson of Haliburton Lumber Tim-Br Mart is markedly less happy with the new bill. "In the city almost all new building plans go through architects or engineers, so these new regulations don't represent a big change." says John. "But in smaller communities and rural areas almost 90 percent of new buildings and homes are designed and built by suppliers like ourselves working with local contractors that we've known and learned to trust over the years. Now every detail is going to have to be on paper, we almost have to assume the worst, rather than trust contractors we know are top notch professionals."

"Contractors are now going to have to have a buffer between the customer and the building inspector, and that's going to be us. We do this work essentially in return for the supply contract. But the new system is certainly going to add substantially to our costs. For example, an architect and engineer would charge a minimum of $5000 or $6000 to put his stamp on a 1200 square foot house plan. This is a service we provide for free. So for sure there's going to be an impact."

Carnarvon Castle Building Centre

Laurie Devolin, designer/estimator for Carnarvon Castle Building Centre commented, "I have worked with home woners, contractors and local building departments since 1985 to ensure that the homes which are built are both aesthetically pleasing, as well as structurally sound. The new Ministry guidelines for me have made for some hours in study to brush up on aspects of the Building Code I don't deal with on a regular basis, and writing exams to become a registered designer. I have always been qualified to design houses and other small buildings, and my drawings have always been professional quality. That will not change." She contineus, "Now the Ministry is going to give me a stamp so you will have absolute confidence that the drawings you get meet or exceed all Building Code regulations." She concludes, "Our design policy has not chnaged. We still require a small deposit on plans, which is refunded to you through your lumber purchases.

So if you're planning a major project, you're certainly going to need the input of a certified designer. But even if you're planning something relatively modest, a small deck, say, you must have a plan, and it must be properly certified. And the best place to get that done is your local building supply centre. And one more thing: make sure you give yourself, and your suppliers, ample time to produce all the proper documents. In other words, do it right, the first time.

You can reach Emmerson Lumber at 457-1550, Haliburton Lumber Tim-Br Mart at 457-2510, Carnarvon Building Centre at 489-2212, and Minden Home Hardware and Building Supplies at 286-1351.

Community Care: As The Name Says, They Really "Care" for Our Community

Twenty-five years ago this month, in April 1980, the Haliburton County Home Support Services opened its first office in the Dysart Municipal Building. Doris McCann, who had been the chief catalyst in getting the project going, became its first Chairperson, or President. The office was staffed by two part-timers, Marie Wallace, co-ordinator, and Willie Cox, secretary, each working just three days a week.

When Marie Wallace retired in 1984 the Board hired Donna MacDonald, who's been Executive Director ever since. This year also marks an important change: "Home Support", as it's been affectionately known for all these years, has been officially renamed "Community Care Haliburton County" (CCHC). Donna MacDonald is pleased with the change: "it more clearly defines who we are, and what we do," she says. And what they do reveals a truly remarkable story of a community committed to the provision of services to seniors and other adults in need.

From the very beginning the goal of Community Care has been to "enable seniors and adults with disabilities or illnesses, and their caregivers, to remain independent in their own homes" for as long as possible. To do this, Donna and her team of six full time and two part time employees rely on an extensive network of committed and enthusiastic volunteers. Each volunteer serves in the area, which most suits his or her abilities, and training. And when you think of it, enabling seniors and the sick and disabled to live independently can require a really wide range of services.

Here's how Community Care helps its hundreds of clients all across the County.

Transportation is a key to independence in a rural area. Registered volunteers drive clients to doctor's appointments, shopping outings, and social and recreational services.

Home Maintenance and Repair, and Home Help: CCHC helps to find an approved and brokered worker to assist in snow shovelling, yard work, and minor repairs. House cleaning can also be arranged.

CCHC offers an In-Home Respite Program, which allows family caregivers to get a break and take care of their own lives. Volunteers visit the home and provide non-medical care for clients. This is a really essential service for many caregivers who look after loved ones often for seven days a week.

Also, volunteers provide "Friendly Visiting" for clients who are alone, or who just need someone with common interests to talk to. Volunteers visit and telephone clients on a regular basis, and sometimes help with letter writing, reading, or simple errands.

Security or Reassurance visits are also offered just to check up on a client's health and safety. The visit, or phone call, is short, usually about 5 minutes, but it can give immeasurable peace of mind both to clients, and to their families. As well, for those seniors or disabled clients who might require help for medical or security reasons, CCHC offers a terrific Security Response System. A medical alarm, easily activated, is placed in the

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home and connected through Halcom Security to a 24-hour central dispatch service. This service alone allows all kinds of clients to remain without undue stress in their own homes, even if they suffer from medical conditions that might eventually require them to live full time in a retirement home, or seniors housing.

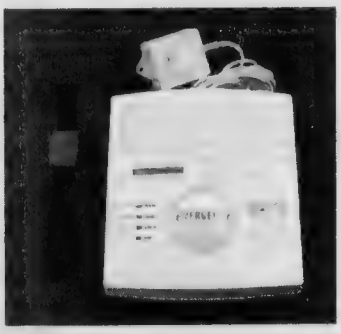
One of the most popular, and well known, of the services CCHC provides is their Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals right to a client's home up to three days a week. Frozen meals are also offered and are of course delivered. As well, there's a very popular Wheels to Meals program that transports clients to a specific restaurant location on pre-arranged days for a fixed price and fixed menu. Among the local establishments that help to provide this service – which is a fun social occasion as well – are the South Algonquin Cookhouse, the MartinWood Resort, The Dominion Hotel, Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant, and the Minden Legion.

CCHC is also mandated to "create an awareness of client's needs and enhance the quality of their life." "Wellness" is promoted through a Drop-In Centre, which is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30, excluding Tuesdays. Card games, aquasize, coffee, magazines, and good company are offered.

All these services are provided by the CCHC staff and an incredible group of over 150 local registered volunteers to literally hundreds of Haliburtonians every year. For many of the services there is a small Client User Fee: frozen Meals on Wheels are $3.75, for example, and there are monthly charges for the Emergency Response System, and hourly charges for Home Maintenance Services and Tranportation. So Community Care needs all the financial support it can get – and holds regular, and very popular fund raisers. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care continues to provide the core funding directly to CCHC.

For further information about Transportation, Home Maintenance and Home Help, please contact Les Raby; for the Respite and Friendly Visiting, call Judy Cumming; For Emergency Response Systems, call Sherry Mulholland, and for Meals, Wheels to Meals, and The Drop-In Centre, please call Ida Schultz.

If you wish to volunteer, or think you might be able to help CCHC in any way, please call Roxanne Casey, the Resource Development Coordinator. All CCHC staff can be reached at 457-2941, or just drop in at their offices in Halco Plaza in Haliburton (just behind Black's Hardware).



To be able to remain in your own home with some semblance or independence and control over your life is a great blessing for seniors, the sick, and the disabled. It also saves our health system's precious resources and facilities, and is one more example of how Haliburton County is committed to looking after our more vulnerable citizens.

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Philosophy Circle Off To A Great Start

There is a new Philosophy Circle that has started in Haliburton County and it has so far been a successful start.

They currently meet on **Thursdays at 11:00am in Gelert**. Participants fast for 4 hours beforehand, bring a workbook, and begin with a meditation class. The group is considering changing the meeting day to **Monday**. If you would like more information on the Philosophy Writing Circle, or if you are interested in this circle and can make it on Monday, please contact Sneh Chakraburtty at 705-286-3984 or sneh.chakraburtty@sympatico.ca.

A Healthy Laugh

The health minister is visiting a psychiatric ward. He asks the Head of psychology "How do you determine if a patient is cured."

The psychologist explains. "We take them to the bathtub, which is filled with water, hand them a spoon and a cup and ask them to empty The bathtub."

"I see," says the health minister, "the cured person would choose the cup because it's bigger, and would empty the tub faster".

"Actually no," replies the psychologist, "a normal person would simply pull the plug".

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Dining and Entertainment

The Millpond Restaurant

If You Like Homecooked Meals Visit The Millpond

In the restaurant business customer service and consistency are two of the essential ingredients in any recipe for success. Oh, and add to that long hours, dedication and just a ton of hard work.

These are just some of the reasons why Brad and Anne Archer have made such a success out of The Mill Pond, their family owned and operated restaurant in Carnarvon. In the late 1980's Brad learned his trade as a Chef at the Pinestone Inn, and when the opportunity arose in 1992 to buy the Carnavon facility he and wife Anne jumped at the chance. Brad's roots in the area go back a long way: his great grandfather built the Matabanick resort on nearby Boshkung Lake in 1920. Today, almost a hundred years later, it's still in the family, with Brad's parents in charge.

The Mill Pond is on Highway 35 just north of Carnarvon overlooking pretty little Mirror Lake. It may be on a very busy road, but once you step inside it's like walking into a quiet lakeside resort. The dining rooms are bright, spacious and airy with a generous deck. The views are all of the Lake and woods beyond and make for a restful, relaxed atmosphere. This is a cheerful, welcoming place, perfect for a home cooked family meal. Brad even made some of the tables himself from an old oak tree downed on the property.

Since they opened Brad and Anne have concentrated on providing top-quality family dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner at a reasonable cost. The formula's been successful from the outset and their loyal customer base is the daily proof.

For breakfast Brad offers a great Big Breakfast special every day which includes three eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast and even baked beans for just $7.95. Now that's a meal for the whole day! There's also a full range of omelets, pancakes and French toast, including generous and well-priced kids' breakfasts.

For lunch there's homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and burgers, wings, Reubens, and plenty of the ever-popular wraps. You can have a large chicken Caesar salad, which is a serious meal, for just $9.95, or for a quick light lunch have a wholesome soup and salad. And of course, there's sensible and attractive kid's lunches available.

For dinner Brad's kitchen goes all out with entrees ranging from Cajun Catfish to Shrimp, Sole and Salmon. There's also traditional Beef Liver, Chicken Parmegian, Steaks, and his ever-popular Honey

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Garlic Ribs. He also offers a 4 oz kid's portion of ribs, which is especially convenient.

Every Tuesday Brad features a special Rib Night, which is not to be missed: Tuesdays are also Seniors' Discount day, which makes for an even better deal. And before we forget, we have to mention the Mill Pond's Sunday Brunch, a terrific all-you-can-eat affair for the amazing price of just $7.95.

Brad and Anne really understand quality family dining, and their restaurant proves it every day. But maybe the family part shouldn't be surprising. Together they have four children, Lindsey, 24, Jamie, 20, Jordyn, 14, and B.J, 9. And after almost 14 years in the business, the food and the service just keep getting better.

The Mill Pond is fully licensed and is open seven days a week from 8 am until 8 pm. You can reach The Mill Pond at 705 489-3353.

Lake Trout Fundraising Dinner Features Artist Brian Atyeo

Original Artwork To Be Auctioned At Dinner

Internationally acclaimed artist Brian Atyeo of West Guilford is the feature artist for the sixth annual Haliburton Lake Trout Project Fundraising Dinner and Auction again this year.

Brian has donated this original acrylic painting, titled Wildcat Lake, to be auctioned at the dinner on July 8 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The event features a live auction, silent auctions several raffles, a great dinner and lots of fun.

A limited number of tickets are still available, but the event is always sold out early. Tickets are available from Derek Little at 286-1493 or Kyla Greenham at 457-9664.

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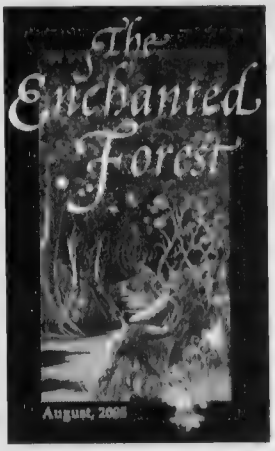
The Enchanted Forest Is Coming – You Can Become Part Of The Production...

If you haven't heard already, Patria Music/Theatre Projects is coming to a forest near you. This August, at the Haliburton Forest Wildlife Reserve, a company of singers, dancers, musicians, and the award-winning LaJeunesse children's choir will present The Enchanted Forest, one of the works which makes up acclaimed Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer's Patria Cycle.



This large-scale production is unique. Led through the forest by singing children, the audience travels a prepared trail and comes upon magical apparitions. As the twilight turns to darkness, a tale of transformation and wonder unfolds.

Two Haliburton area professionals have already been contracted to perform, (flutist Tom Regina and dancer Kathryn Boyd) and about 20 others have signed on to volunteer, but given the scope of this production, still more are needed.

For example, they need 5 or 6 "phantom" flutists, players of flutes, penny whistles or clarinets who will hide in the forest mimicking birdcalls. For another scene, they will be trained to play a modern version of the didgeridoo (an indigenous Australia instrument). They need about 20 drummers who will be trained by our percussionists in a specific rhythm. While musical training is useful, it is not strictly necessary. They also need about 20 volunteer forest guides, who will light the way for the audience and keep the production moving. Along with their enthusiasm and the ability to make a three-week commitment from August 15th to September 3rd, all these helpers would need to provide their own black clothing and sturdy dark coloured footwear.

There are also opportunities for children to become involved. They need 12 to 15 children between the ages of 8 and 12 to act as fireflies and flower spirits. These are acting/dancing roles and costumes would be provided. Their parents would need to be able to get them to and from the Haliburton Forest Reserve for rehearsals and performances; but Patria would provide reliable adult supervision for them while in the forest.

Finally, their technical people could use some help. Performing in the outdoors means costume maintenance is a big issue, and some costumes are so elaborate that dressers are required to help the actors in and out of them. Four people with some experience with textiles would be a huge help. Builders and woodworkers would also be welcome.

Ms. Sky commented, "working on one of Murray's mammoth productions is definitely an honour and an enriching experience. Although we are not able to pay, we can guarantee that you will be making a big deposit to your memory bank!"

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When Edward sits on the patio of his home overlooking Loon Lake and begins to play, a look of serenity, peace, and excitement, all at the same time, lights up his face. Edward may have been performing for most of his life, but you can certainly tell his joy and love of music has not diminished.

For many years Edward and his wife Barbara raised their children in Toronto while Ed worked as a film technician for the CBC. But he always freelanced as a classical guitarist, and as the years went on his reputation, and work, spread rapidly. For most of the 1980s and '90s he had a regular Saturday morning gig as a street musician at Toronto's downtown St. Lawrence Market. The Market's regular clientele, a smorgasbord of Toronto's artistic, academic, tourist, and business foodies, was no easy crowd. But soon Edward became known affectionately as the "Segovia of the St. Lawrence Market."

Edward's repertoire is as varied as the beautiful classical guitar he plays. He's equally at home with flamenco, classical, traditional airs like "Greensleaves," for example, and even country. In fact, he particularly enjoys playing country music, with his own classical interpretation, of course. Edward also composes, transcribes, and arranges all types of music for the guitar.

While in Toronto, Edward de Souza was a fixture at such diverse venues at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, innumerable fine restaurants and gala events, and he even performed at the Queen's Plate. He loves playing at weddings, private business functions, family gatherings, and special occasions of all kinds.

Edward's classical guitar style is entirely his own, but his heroes are the great Julian Bream, and Canada's own Liona Boyd. And he's always taken great pride in his professionalism and wide musical repertoire. But in the late 1990s, he felt burnt out, and for the first time in his life, put his guitar aside for a few years.

However, early retirement from the CBC, and the magic of his cottage on Loon Lake soon put him in a very different space, and he began to play again. By chance, Anthony VanLieshout heard his music one day last year, and was so impressed he offered him a spot in the patio in front of the VanLieshout family's Village Barn on Haliburton's main street. And so Edward began to reach a whole

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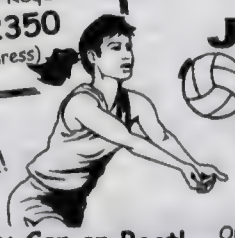

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new audience on summer days in Haliburton. And he'll continue this summer at the Village Barn, when weather permits.

During his time in Toronto, Edward regularly helped many charity groups, most notably the Salvation Army, in their fund raising efforts. And he's proud to continue that tradition here in Haliburton. This week he's playing for the Red Hatters, for instance, and his bookings extend through the summer.

But Edward still has room this summer to play at weddings, special occasions, or that once-in-a-lifetime family cottage reunion.

You can reach Edward de Souza at 457-9487, and can pick up his CD, "Guitar Greats," when he plays at the Village Barn.

About R. Murray Schafer & The Enchanted Forest

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R. Murray Schafer is a world-renowned composer, writer and artistic director who over the years have developed a unique relationship with the County of Haliburton. Back in 1997, with the active co-operation of Peter Schliefenbaum and the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Schafer staged a full production of one of his major works, Princess of the Stars, smack dab in the middle of the woods. And during the intervening years the Forest Reserve has been home each summer to a production of Schafer's Wolf Project (And the Wolf Shall Inherit the Moon).

This year Schafer and his production company, Patria Music/ Theatre Projects and the Forest Reserve announced the joint venture that will provide a new home for Schafer's large-scale productions over the next five years.

This year will see eight performances of The Enchanted Forest, part of Schafer's Patria Cycle, from August 24 – 28, and August 31 – September 2, each running about two hours and starting at 7:30 pm.

Through the years Schafer has staged his complex and large scale productions in many natural locals across Canada, but he admits the Haliburton Forest is truly special: "A more beautiful location to present the Patria Cycle would be hard to find. It's a quiet, meditative place where audiences and performers alike can feel transported into a magical realm. The natural lighting, sounds and acoustic environment coupled with the smell of the fresh outdoors will enrich the experience and make it unforgettable."

And this summer you can be part of the excitement as a volunteer member of the company. Patria Music needs volunteer drummers, guides, costume dressers, people with some textile experience, builders and woodworkers. Patria also has opportunities for a few children aged 8 to 12 to act as fireflies and flower spirits!

If you wish to be part of this summer's production you can email Production Co-coordinator Sheila Sky at admin@patria.org, or phone at 416 596-8585.

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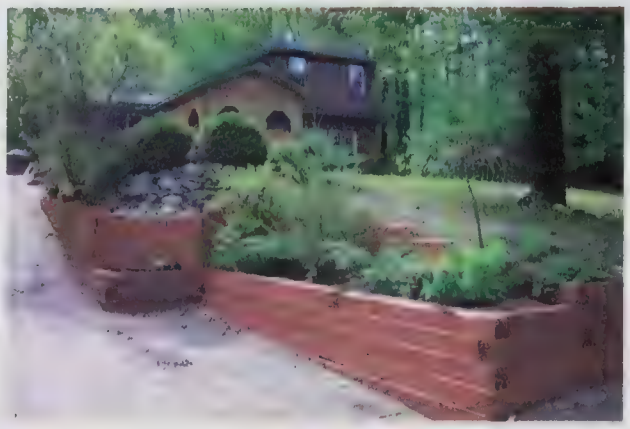

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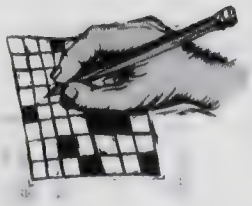

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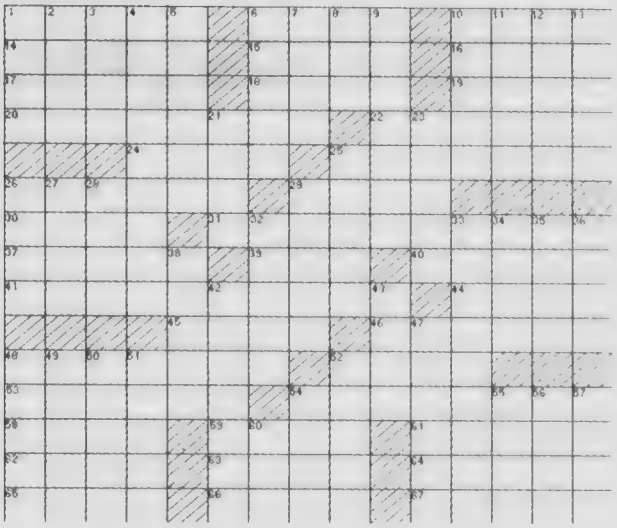

ACROSS

1. Resin used to make incense
6. Ragout
10. Units of electrical resistance
14. The devil
15. Queen of the gods (Greek mythology)
16. Feeble
17. Graceful birds
18. Located towards the back
19. Inactive
20. Possessing the right to
22. Bauble
24. Provide food
25. Largest
26. Slumbers
29. Young salmon
30. Afflicts
31. Libelers
37. Angry
39. Genus of macaws
40. Strange or weird
41. Orthodox rules
44. Small island
45. Lyric poems
46. The second of two
48. Simplifies
52. Anger
53. An Old Testament prophet
54. A loose garment of terry-cloth
58. Donate
59. Direct from the front
61. Brother of Moses
62. Hebrew month
63. 57 in Roman numerals
64. Place
65. Focussing glass
66. A large hairy humanoid of the Himalayas
67. Examinations

Down

Nature of being
2. Yard
3. French for "State"
4. A public declaration of intentions
5. The arch of the foot
6. Tear into little pieces
7. Placed on a tee
8. Earned Run Average
9. Fighter plane
10. Being indebted to
11. A row of shrubs
12. Shopping centers
13. Sport of shooting at clay pigeons
21. Not more
23. Consent
25. Obvious and dull
26. A Levantine ketch
27. Anagram of "Rail"
28. Style or grace
29. Minor currency units of Yugoslavia
32. Shoestrings
33. Restate
34. Formerly
35. Annoy or anger
36. Fortune teller
38. Father of Methuselah (Bible)
42. In perfect circumstances
43. Thin strip of wood
47. Dismayed
48. Majestic
49. Leave out
50. A long backless sofa
51. Utilizers
52. Half-diameters
54. Lure
55. Mineral bearing rocks
56. Ship
57. Finishes
60. The night before

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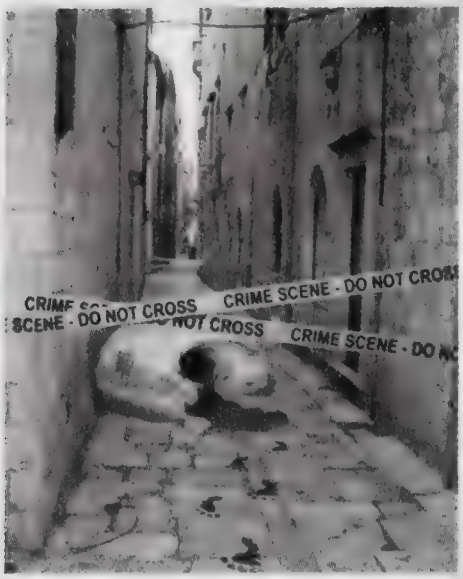

This picture really needs no explanation does it?

There are 170,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 ways to play the ten opening moves in a game of chess.

Lunch & Learn Sessions Are Informative - You Are Welcome To Join In!!

Friends of the Haliburton County Library has had a productive spring. One of their new initiatives was the Lunch and Learn speakers' series. The first presentation was a resounding success. Sheryl Loucks spoke on May 17 about her trip to Siberia and the bonds that she had forged with the wonderful families who hosted the Canadian delegates to their region. Sheryl is a dynamic speaker and held everyone enthralled.

The next lunch and learn session, about bee keeping, will be in the fall and will take place on site. Conjuring up images of Idgy Threadgoode, the bee charmer in the movie *Fried Green Tomatoes*, this session promises to be particularly interesting to outdoor enthusiasts.

The Friends' Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29 at 10 a.m. at the Family Services annex in Haliburton. Interested individuals are invited. For further information, call 286-4419 or e-mail Elly Malcomson at jimelly@interhop.net.

Pic above... board members of The Friends of the Haliburton County Library presenting a donation of poetry books to the librarian at the Dorset Public Library

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Just Walking

One of the great delights of living in Haliburton County is the number of quiet country roads on which we can walk freely, surrounded mainly by forest, marsh and lakes, with only the occasional cottage. Traffic – especially on weekdays – is minimal and the only sound is birdsong. Having lived in cities for most of my life, I still find myself awed at the quiet that settles over me while walking these roads. Still, even here, I had something to learn before I could even recognize this particular gift.

I began by walking out of necessity, and found myself with a little edge of resentment that I "had" to walk – for health reasons. Exercise has always been a part of my life, but until I moved here, I belonged to a fitness club or gym of some kind. No need to now. Heating with wood provides plenty of "weight training", and kayaking several times a week – even in winter – makes for excellent upper body strength training. But cardio-vascular conditioning is enhanced in only one-way if you're not a runner: engaging the whole body by walking.

I would have loved walking except that I was too busy. Work and plans, phone calls, ideas, tasks to be done around the house, emails to return, teaching online to be attended to. Where would I find a half hour to just walk? (Writing it now reminds me of what a momentum of activity was building and building, and how pathetic is the question "where would I find a half hour to 'just walk'?") But walk it had to be, so I began by walking with a tape player and listening to music or talks while I walked. Somehow, a nagging voice convinced me that this was less than helpful; that just walking had a benefit I was missing though I didn't know what that could be. Next I decided to do without the headset and just take a tiny digital recorder so that I could record the brilliant ideas as they arose. And arise they did: many excellent ideas for work began to present themselves during the walks and for awhile I thought I'd found the balance. Between ideas I began to notice the landscape. I began to hear the melodies of birds. I began to notice the daily changes in the river along which I walked.

Reflections from SoulWinds
by Brenda Peddigrew

Then I became slowly aware that ideas while walking were dropping away, at least in the urgent necessity of recording them. My inner busyness began to settle almost as soon as I began to walk, and a calming joy took the place of urgency and haste. I receive this gift now almost every day, this gift of "just walking." Even when I walk the same quiet road for weeks on end, I see that the road is different every day. Plants emerge; trees change, water levels rise and fall; smells fill the air and then disappear, the birdsongs vary. Without knowing at all why, or needing to know, I return more refreshed than I did when I had a tape full of ideas. And - oh yes – I now walk for an hour each day. A half hour is just too little.

***Try this:** Leave your house to "just walk." Make no agenda. Notice what's going on inside. Give way to the call of quiet, to the sounds of your immediate surroundings. Be gentle with any discomfort or resistance you might feel to doing this at first. Keep on "just walking." Walk through the interior busyness. You will come to a new place.*

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Character "Cast Members" are not allowed to speak when in costume, they have a distress signal: crossing both arms in front of the body, like Barbara Eden used to do on "I Dream Of Jeannie." There are always security personnel within line of sight, and they will come running at this signal.
The "no speak" rule is for costumes with heads. The only sound one can make is a kiss (or a slurp for Pluto of course).

The original plans for Disneyland were to be in the shape of a Mickey head, but Disney thought it would cost too much and also said that if they wanted to expand the park, it would ruin their plans so they decided not to.

Disney World recycles all the human waste from the parks and hotels.... It's true, the solid and liquids are separated and the solids are used as fertilizer on the tree farm, where all the trees for the parks are grown. Growing hydrangeas in them then cleans the liquids naturally and then the water is sent off to the sprinkler system. When you look around, you'll see little signs that say "THIS IS NOT DRINKING WATER!" Now you know what they really mean by that!

Did you know that vomit is called a protein spill in Disney world! BooboBunny: This is true. If a guest or cast member vomits, a cast member is supposed to call a custodian to clean up a Protein Spill. Just one of the ways Disney preserves the show!!!

More than 54,000, to be more precise. That's how many people it takes to create the magic at the Vacation Kingdom. Not surprisingly, Walt Disney World Resort is the largest single-site employer in the United States.

If you were to wash and dry one load of laundry every day for 44 years, you'd clean as much as the folks at the Walt Disney World Laundry do in a single day. The cast members there launder an average of 240,000 pounds each day. In addition, between 30,000 and 32,000 garments are dry-cleaned daily

Word Search
Disney Characters

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mouth is different
light is off (no light shine)
middle leg on easel is longer

For The Kids....

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Junior Naturalist Camp - For nature enthusiasts aged 7 to 10

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Program themes are as follows: Monday – Owls and Birds; Tuesday – Nature Crafts; Wednesday – Creepy Creatures; Thursday – Fantastic Forests; Friday – Survival.

The cost is $20 per week or $5 per day. Children can sign up for the whole week or for selected days. Please pre-register. Space is limited (but they will take new registration each day if there is space available)

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Breakfast with a Very Funny Writer

Linwood Barclay, author and Toronto Star columnist, will be the key speaker at the 2nd annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network Saturday, July 9. Members and everyone from the general public are welcome.

Linwood is not only a hilarious columnist but he is an entertaining speaker who will pass along plenty of information about writing. He's the author of several books; two humorous looks at family life called Father Knows Zilch: A Guide for Dumbfounded Dads and This House is Nuts! He also has written the wicked satire Mike Harris Made Me Eat My Dog, and a critically acclaimed memoir, Last Resort: Coming of Age in Cottage Country.

He advises other writers that success in writing "all comes down to writing about what you know," by using the tiny bits of information that you gain through living and observing people.

The HHWEN event begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Delta Pinestone Resort, Highway 121, Haliburton. Admission, $12 in advance, $17 at the door, includes a full buffet breakfast. Tickets are available until June 30 at the Storeroom in Minden, the Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or by calling Kay Millard at 705-286-6635.

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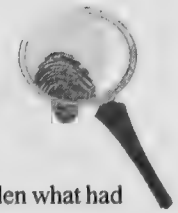

Case of the Disappearing Art

Frankie Friedman was explaining to Detective Minden what had been stolen from his mansion. "I always go for a ride on my motorcycle every evening for about an hour after dinner. I leave right around 4 o'clock. It helps me clear my mind after a hard day in the office. I was in my den typing some legal letters before I left and that's where the precious paintings were stolen. I know they were there before I left, because I was just admiring one of the Risk paintings before leaving. So I know they were taken while I was gone. I was about an hour late getting back because I ran out of gas and had to call CAA to bring me gas way out in the back roads."

"Didn't you check your gas before you left?" asked Minden.

"Well no, because every day after I get home I always fill up so I'm ready to go the next day. I thought I'd filled up last night, but I could have forgotten," answered Frankie.

"Was anyone at the house while you were out on your ride?" asked Minden.

"Yes, my chef Jeeves was here but he was in the kitchen at the back of the house. It's not close to the den at all and he says he didn't hear anything."

"So you noticed the paintings gone immediately upon arriving home then?" said Minden.

"No, not right away. Jeeves was just setting the table for dinner which he always has ready for me every day when I get home from my ride, so I ate right away as usual, then I went to my den. That's when I noticed all the paintings stolen," explained Frankie.

"You know Frankie, I'm going to have to have a talk with your cook Jeeves. I think he's cooked up more than just a dinner tonight," said Minden.

Why does Detective Minden suspect the cook Jeeves?

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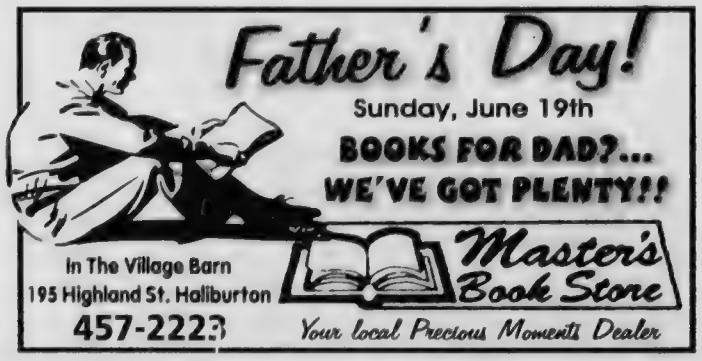

Trundling Along the White Trail

with Marci Mandel

Trusting the Path

I was walking down a path I hadn't been on in a long time, and from where I stood, it appeared to come to an abrupt halt. Instead of panicking, though, I trusted my instincts and stayed true to the way. At the end, an opening came into view, and I happily continued on. I find life is like that in so many ways - trust that the path you're on will lead you where you need to go.

This lesson was presented to me another time when I'd found a bookstore north of Toronto that I really liked. I had returned to the area and wanted to stop back in, but unfortunately it was closed down. With some time on my hands, I stepped into a gem and rock store next-door and looked around. It had some beautiful stones and jewelry, yet most memorable was this wonderful, ebullient woman behind the counter. She was the friendly, nurturing type that I immediately felt comfortable with – no criticisms, no judgments, just a gentle, caring manner.

We got talking about this and that, and as I was ready to leave, she offered me a gem of wisdom: "If you want to connect with something, like a bird, say: I see the bird; the bird sees me. If you're stuck in traffic, everything has a pattern you can connect with, say: I see the traffic; the traffic sees me." Later, when I enthusiastically told my husband about it, he didn't really understand and just rolled his eyes, until…

Trail's End

We were out in the canoe one perfect summer day playing this game we had of looking for a pina colada bottle that had fallen into the lake. I decided to try the phrase out: "I see the bottle; the bottle sees me." Lo and behold, I spotted a bottle! We had been looking for that bottle for three years, so this was very exciting. I jumped out of the canoe, dove down and retrieved it.

Unfortunately it was the wrong bottle. But hey, it was a bottle! I tried again:

"I see the bottle; the bottle sees me." We paddled a bit more. And there…there was another bottle! Again it turned out to be the wrong bottle. But imagine how amazed I was. We had been looking for three years and found nothing, and that day we found two. I was thrilled.

I decided to try the phrase out on something else. I have a Great Pyrenees, a big white dog that will not come. I let her run in the bush when there's no one around, but I like her to stay close by. Well, she had taken off, was nowhere in sight, so I tried the phrase out on her: "I see Morgan. Morgan sees me. Morgan, come here." A few moments later I heard a panting sound, and out of the bush she came. I couldn't believe it and thought it was just a fluke, so I tried it again a little later, and it worked again. What a relief it was to be able to connect with her.

Then the next day, I was out with her and I let her run again. I began to wonder if a neighbour was around and started to worry about Morgan harassing him. In a panic, I used the phrase, but Morgan didn't appear. I began to feel like an idiot for letting her go and started questioning myself. Then I began to think about trust and how I was saying the words but not believing in them. So I relaxed my shoulders and my mind and said: "I see Morgan. Morgan sees me. I trust you Morgan. Come here." It took a few minutes, I don't know where she was, but she came right to me and let me put her lead back on.

It was a good lesson about trust: about letting things happen instead of trying to force them to happen. I find that when I'm in a frantic state and stop trusting myself, trusting the path I believe in, then I'm disconnected from myself, my intuition and I'm alone and lost. But if I trust that all is at it should be, then I can relax, reconnect and continue merrily along.

I went back to that store to thank the woman for sharing her gem with me. But again, the store was closed and a 'For Lease' sign was up in the window. I was so disappointed that I couldn't share with her the path she opened up to me. Though I trust she heard me when I said: "I see the Tumbled Rock woman. The Tumbled Rock woman sees me. Thank you Tumbled Rock woman."

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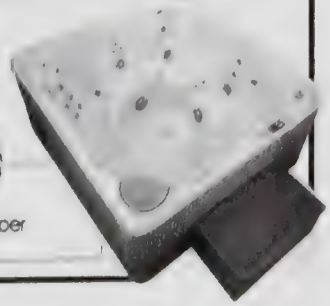


Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

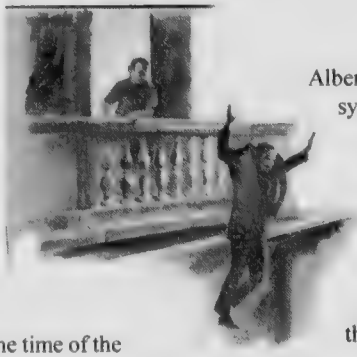
Dirty Money - Secretly We All Have A Perverse Admiration For A Successful Thief, As Max Haines Explains In Crime Flashback

THERE ARE ROBBERIES, and then there are robberies. This is the story of the granddaddy of them all. The mastermind behind the largest robbery ever successfully pulled off was the owner of a photography shop, Photo La Valliere, in Nice, France. He was Albert Spaggiari, a Vietnam veteran who had tried his hand at real estate with something less than outstanding success. By 1972, Albert was well ensconced in the photographic business and appeared to be a successful small businessman. There was just one thing different about Albert. He wanted to rob the most prestigious bank in Nice, the Societe Generale.

The main portion of the bank has been modernized, but at the time of the great robbery the interior was resplendent in marble and old world charm. It was believed to be impregnable. That's why no one even considered installing hi-tech electronic equipment to protect the bank's safety deposit boxes.

Albert made his plans to rob the Societe Generale with the same patience required for a major military campaign. He rented a safety deposit box and studied the vault's layout. Four thousand boxes were housed in seven reinforced cabinets inside the large vault. To gain entry to the vault, it was necessary to sign a log book. The signature was checked against a file signature. The customer was then ushered to his safety deposit box, where a guard inserted his key, as well as the client's, in order to open the box. The entire walk-in vault was closed at night by a 20-tonne door.

There was no way to loot those boxes during banking hours, and there was no way anyone was going to get through that monster door to the vault. Ah, but there was another way — through the town's sewerage system. The plans of the sewerage system were readily available to anyone who cared to pick up a copy at the town hall.



SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Albert found out he could drive a truck into the sewerage system by travelling down an inspection road. Access to this road could be gained from an underground parking lot. He estimated correctly that the equipment needed could be transported by truck to within 275 metres of the bank before it would have to be lugged by foot along a metre high drain to the point where it would be necessary to dig a seven metre tunnel. This would place Albert against the wall of the vault.

Albert went about forming a gang of specialists. It wasn't easy. Each man was hand picked — men who knew how to build reinforced tunnels; men who knew how to go through cement walls. They were recruited not only for their skills, but also for their personalities. Working conditions would not be ideal.

Equipment was of the utmost importance. It was purchased at large stores all over Europe. Albert knew the importance of procuring untraceable equipment in quantities that would not be noticed. An array of chisels was purchased individually; oxyacetylene torches, hammers, bricklaying tools, flashlights, electric drills. Nothing was left to chance. Waterproof clothing, rubber dinghies, an extensive first aid kit and an industrial smoke extractor were considered necessities.

The amount of equipment became so extensive that Albert rented a villa in Castagniers, a few minutes drive from Nice, to stash away his growing mountain of supplies.

It took two months to dig out the tunnel. The equipment was driven down into the sewer, then transferred onto inflated dinghies and dragged through the stinking sewer. Two men worked at the tunnel, while another disposed of the earth. A fourth man shored up the roof and cemented the

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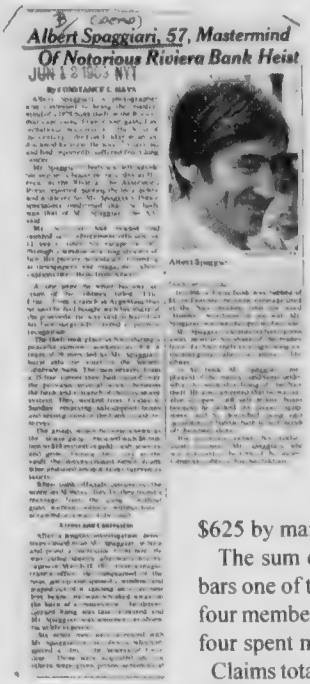
walls. Conditions in the tunnel were so disagreeable that each team worked only every third day. Work was carried on in 10-minute intervals. May and June passed. In July, the men struck the concrete wall of the bank vault.

A week before the break-in, the whole scheme almost exploded in Albert's face. A woman, who had no connection whatever with the robbers, was convinced her husband had secreted his mistress in the villa rented by the gang. She sought revenge, telling the owner of the villa his property was being overrun by hippies.


Albert Spaggiari, 57, Mastermind Of Notorious Riviera Bank Heist

The owner called police, who checked and found four gang members in the villa. The men were questioned, but were able to convince the gendarmes they were doing nothing more sinister than arranging a party for that evening. They were merely waiting for female company to arrive. The police accepted their story.

On July 15, an underworld doctor was paid to be on standby. Next day, the heavy equipment was lugged through the sewers on inflated rafts. Once unloaded, it was dragged through the 25-foot tunnel to the wall. The gang had plugged into and electrical outlet at the entrance to the sewerage system. In this way, they had a supply of electricity right to the wall face. Working on their stomachs, it took the gang 19 hours of drilling and chiselling to get through that thick reinforced concrete wall to the back of the 30-tonne cabinet containing the safety deposit boxes.

A hydraulic lever was used to move the cabinet inch by inch until there was an opening big enough for a man to crawl through. Albert was given the honour of being the first to enter the bank vault.

The safety deposit boxes were opened. It had been agreed that the gang was to take only gold, jewelry and hard cash — nothing traceable.

But before business, a minor celebration. Albert had brought along expensive wines, goose liver pate, cheese and fresh fruit. While enjoying their goodies, the gang was startled by a swishing noise from above. It turned out to be nothing serious. A gambling casino employee had just dropped the night's take in the depository. A bag, containing around a million francs, fell through a vent and landed at Albert's feet. It never rains but it pours.

As a precautionary measure, the gang soldered shut the vault door from the inside.

By early Monday morning, the gang had opened 400 of the 4000 safety deposit boxes. It was time to go. All their equipment was left behind.

On Monday morning, bank officials couldn't open their vault. An official from the security equipment company had to be summoned to gain entrance. The impossible had happened. The Societe Generale Bank had been robbed. Scores of clues were left behind, none of which proved of any value. Bottles of Margnat Village wine were sent away to be analyzed. The bottles were found to contain urine, which had originated from several individuals. That Albert had thought of everything. Well, almost everything.

MARGNAT VILLAGE WINE

Those gendarmes who had followed up the lead given to them by the jealous wife wondered if the four men in the villa at Castagniers could have anything to do with the big bank job. A search of the villa uncovered spare burglary equipment and a case of Margnat Village wine. The four men were rounded up. At the same time, one gang member attempted to sell gold ingots legitimately. Stamped on each ingot was an identity number. He was readily apprehended.

Two members of the gang, Francis Pellegrin and Alain Bournat, confessed and named Albert as their ringleader. Albert was picked up and detained for questioning. The questioning lasted for months, right up until the day Albert jumped out of an open window at the Palais de Justice, landing on a ledge a few feet below. >From the ledge, he leaped onto the roof of a Renault G. Albert hollered, "Au revoir!" as he rolled to the ground and made good his escape on a waiting motorcycle.

When it became known that Albert had damaged the Renault to the tune of $625, the owner received an apology note and $625 by mail from Albert.

The sum of $215,000 was recovered from the robbery loot. The gold bars one of the gang attempted to sell made up most of this amount. Only four members of the gang were convicted in the bank heist. None of these four spent more than six months in prison.

Claims totalling over $8 million were issued against the bank, making the robbery the largest in history. Many believe the real figure of the loot to be closer to $20 million.

And what of Albert Spaggiari?

Rumours drifted back to Nice. The former photographer was in Argentina, invariably accompanied by a bevy of long legged beauties. However, in 1989, The Associated Press reported that the notorious Riviera bank robber, who by then had written a book (Fric-Frac) about his escapades which was made into a movie (Sewers of the Paradise), had passed away at 57, probably of lung cancer. His body was left outside his mother's house in Hyeres, on the Riviera. Albert had evaded and taunted law enforcement officials for 12 years, since his escape in 1977 through a window in a magistrate's office.

Illustration:

1. drawing by Pam Davies - Albert made his plans to rob the Societe Generale with the same patience required for a major military campaign
2. photo of ALBERT SPAGGIARI - Circa 1976.

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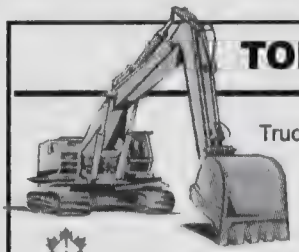

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Who Dun-it Answer...

Answer: Frankie arrived an hour late for dinner, yet Jeeves seemed to have dinner timed just right for his arrival. Jeeves knew that Frankie would have been late because, as Minden suspects, he was the one who drained some of the gas from his tanks.

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On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year.

What I Don't Want To Be In My Next Life
A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.

Hiccup.... Not Here
It is estimated that at any one time, 0.7% of the world's population are drunk.

I'm Feeling Safe Now!!
Odds of being killed in a tornado- 1 in 2 million.

Mr. Muhammad Smith perhaps?!
The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad!

Church Events

Strawberry Supper
Saturday, June 25 – 4 – 7 p.m.
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JUNE

June 18th - "Tara Tuma"
June 25th - "Your New Neighbors"

July

July 2nd - "Arms Wide Open" - Tribute to Nickel Back/Creed
July 9th - "zoo"
July 16th - "8 Feet"
July 23rd - "The Dirty Little Swing Thing"
July 30th - "The Wheat Kings" - Tribute to the Tragically Hip

August

August 6th - "Your New Neighbors"
August 13th - "The Puppies"
August 20th - "Electric Camp Fire Poets"
August 27th - "Factor Five"

September

Sept. 3rd - "Pop Joy"
Sept. 10th - "Adam's Rib"
Sept. 17th - "Love Product"
Sept. 24th - "Your New Neibhbors"

October

Oct. 1st - "Factor Five"
October 8th - "Ocean".

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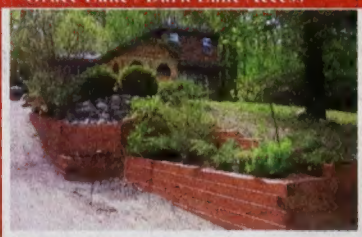
$329,900.00

8 acres- 1350 ft shoreline- Little Redstone

Absolute privacy on this estate size property. 1800 sq. ft. of living space, lg open concept LR/DR/Kitchen, family room, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, laundry rm & loads of storage, finished with pine, cedar & drywall. Large entertaining deck overlooking a level lot. Save hydro $$ with ground source heat pump & air conditioning. Lrg insulated garage/workshop. Sound of falling water from the stream on the property entering the lake.

$695,000.00

Grace Lake / Dark Lake Access



Grace River Rd. - Unique home w/ sunken LR, floor to ceiling stone frpl, open concept, lg gazebo. 2 baths, jacuzzi, ceramic & hardwood. Wood blinds & unique lighting fixtures. Access to Grace & Dark Lake right across the street. Home security system 12x12 shed, full bunkie, w/ lots of priv. Yr rnd road, close to town. Great as permanent home or cottage.

$189,000.00

Redstone Lake

Cute, cozy 3 bedroom cottage on beautiful Redstone Lake. This bright and inviting cottage has had many upgrades done including wiring, shingles, siding, windows, doors, floors some cathedral ceilings, pine and lots of windows to let lots of sun in. Many possibilities here and priced affordably.

$205, 000.00

Kennisis Lake

Imaging this view

Winterized Viceroy cottage sits on north shore of Kennisis Lake. Newer septic and deck. Very private. Stone walkway to lake. Deep water for great swimming.

$319,000.00

Little Kennisis Lake

Custom 4 bdrm home with over 2000 sq. ft. of living space, pine cathedral ceilings, 2 - 4 pc baths and a finished bsmt has family rm with possible games rm. Access to a 3 lake chain and ground source heat with central air, 2 car garage and paved drive.

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Paddy's Bay

Nicely treed building lot on the shores of Paddy's Bay. Save dollars, easy access and easy to build on. Paddy's Bay has a sand bottom for good swimming. Connects to Kennisis Lake for a 2 lake chain of boating.

$179,000.00

Kennisis Lake

Wow you have to see this one! - Million Dollar View for 1/3 of the price. Big lake view. Several areas to sit and enjoy the view and sunsets. Prime shoreline of Kennisis Lake. Privacy & great swimming. 3 bdrm cottage, den, open LR/DR. Vaulted pine ceiling.

$339,000.00

Kennisis Lake

See this great building lot. Several building sites offering spectacular views of Kennisis Lake. Absolute privacy on this 8 acre property. 800 ft shore line varies with flat rock, sand pockets, larger rock sections and a point. Sheltered section for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point and set on the opposite shore. This rare large property is being offered at

$575,000.00

Paddy's Bay

Newly developed waterfront lot on quite Paddy's Bay with boat access to Kennisis Lake, hydro available. Lot is well forested, natural shoreline with sand beach. Driveway in. 75.5' x 3.2 acres

$189,900.00

3 Bedroom Brick Home

Beautiful 3 bedroom, side split, brick home in Minden. Town water & sewer, large rec room and family room. Dining room walkout to deck overlooking meadow.

$189,000.00

Little Redstone

Square timber / 2900 sq. ft. living space, 6 bdrms, 3 baths, hot tub, fireplace, double garage, loft. Level lot, 290 ft. sand beach, SW exp. Privacy.

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